

APPROVE DISPOSAL OF LIVESTOCK CARCASSES

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TULARE COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Waiver of Standards for the Disposal of Decomposed Livestock Carcasses

- On May 5, 2020, the Tulare County Solid Waste Department received an Emergency Waiver of Standards for the disposal of decomposed livestock carcasses from Tulare County Environmental Health.
- The waiver was requested due to the accumulation of livestock carcasses as result of a temporary closure of a local rendering plant due to maintenance.
- The waiver is effective 60 days from the receipt of the waiver on May 5th, 2020.

Approved Dairies and Single Day Event

- 293 dairies affected by the emergency declaration were contacted by the Ag Commissioner's office with 5 responses received.
- It is estimated that twenty-five (25) carcasses will be received by the Department.
- As the Department does not currently have a mechanism in place to assess a fee for the disposal of livestock , a Public Hearing would be held to create a proposed processing fee of \$250.00/carcass.
- A one day event will be established for the disposal of carcasses upon approval, the proposed date of the event is June 24th, 2020.
- The Department will notify the participating dairies of the date 10 days prior to the date of the event.

REQUESTS

- Approve disposal of livestock carcasses pursuant to Emergency Waiver of Standards Dated May 5, 2020.
- Conduct a Public Hearing to approve a Special Handling fee of \$250.00 for each livestock carcass disposed at the Visalia Landfill to take effect June 2, 2020.
- Approve one-time event for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 for the disposal of livestock carcasses within 60 days of Emergency Waiver of Standards dated May 5, 2020.
- Authorize the Department to dispose livestock carcasses from approved list of dairies affected by the emergency declaration.