



**Resource Management  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 18, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Recognizing the animal rendering industry as a critical and irreplaceable support service to the dairy industry

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Adopt a resolution recognizing the animal rendering industry as a critical and irreplaceable support service to the dairy industry.

**SUMMARY:**  
Tulare County leads the nation in the production of dairy products with milk and milk products valued at more than \$1.79 Billion in 2008. Tulare County's dairy, cattle, and other livestock industries are among the most-valued of the many agricultural commodities produced.

The animal rendering industry is a vital support service to the dairy industry. The animal rendering industry converts animal by-products and food waste into commercial commodities such as high-protein ingredients for livestock feed and pet food, and tallow, a valuable ingredient in soaps, paints, cosmetics, and more.

There are not adequate alternative disposal options for the industries and public that depend on critical and timely rendering services. During the heat wave of July 2007, Tulare County was forced to find alternative disposal methods when the rendering industry was unable to provide adequate services and it became apparent that adequate capacity is an issue in the event of a catastrophic emergency. The rendering industry has been further impacted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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"Enhanced Feed Ban" ruling, increasing the cost for the rendering and livestock industries during very difficult economic conditions. If renderers suspend disposal service for farms, it could create an ongoing emergency situation for all impacted industries in Tulare County, as there is no other approved disposal alternative.

In rural communities, such as Tulare County, when regulations and fees increase, rural landowners often see an increase in illegal dumping of trash, waste materials and livestock carcasses. Illegal dumping on rural roads and on private properties increases health risks for humans and our environment.

Renderers are stewards of the environment utilizing all the byproducts of the deceased animals limiting the amount of waste material through a highly efficient and economical recycling of products.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There are no financial impacts to the General Fund resulting from the adoption of the proposed resolution.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Recognizing the animal rendering industry as a critical and irreplaceable support service to the dairy industry, is linked to the Economic Well-Being initiative of the Tulare County Strategic Business Plan and will continue to protect the County's agriculture-based economy.

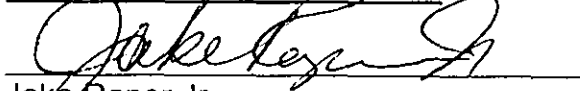
**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose to not approve this resolution.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

Tulare County Agriculture Advisory Committee  
University of California Cooperative Extension  
Tulare County Code Compliance Division  
Tulare County Farm Bureau

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
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Jake Raper Jr.  
Assistant Director

cc: Auditor/Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING )  
THE ANIMAL RENDERING INDUSTRY )  
AS A CRITICAL AND )  
IRREPLACEABLE SUPPORT )  
SERVICE TO THE DAIRY )  
INDUSTRY )

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Tulare County leads the nation in the production of dairy products with milk and milk products valued at more than \$1.79 Billion in 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, Tulare County's dairy, cattle, and other livestock industries are among the most-valued of the many agricultural commodities produced, and

**WHEREAS**, there are not adequate alternative disposal options for the industries and public that depend on critical and timely rendering services; and

**WHEREAS**, during the heat wave of July 2007, industries in Tulare County were forced to find alternative disposal methods when the rendering industry was unable to provide adequate services; and

**WHEREAS**, the rendering industry has been further impacted by the FDA "Enhanced Feed Ban" ruling, increasing the cost for the rendering and livestock industries during very difficult economic conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, if renderers suspend disposal service for farms, it will create an ongoing emergency situation for the dairy industry in Tulare County, as there is no other approved disposal alternative; and

**WHEREAS**, In rural communities, such as Tulare County, when regulations and fees increase, rural landowners often see an increase in illegal dumping of trash, waste materials and livestock carcasses. Illegal dumping on rural roads and on private properties increases health risks for humans and our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, renderers are stewards of the environment utilizing all the byproducts of the deceased animals limiting the amount of waste material through a highly efficient and economical recycling of products.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Animal Rendering Industry as a critical and irreplaceable support service to the Dairy Industry, Tulare County's number one industry and critical to other livestock and food processing, industries requiring the recycling of animal byproducts.

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk