

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE  
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DUE TO ACCUMULATING LIVESTOCK  
CARCASSES \_\_\_\_\_ /

PROCLAMATION NO.17-002

WHEREAS, Baker Commodities, Inc. rendering facility (the "Facility") located at 7480 Hanford-Armona Road, Hanford receives and de-hydes livestock, then transfers the carcasses to its rendering facility in Kerman to complete the processing; and

WHEREAS, the Kerman plant has experienced mechanical issues that has slowed the processing and approximately 400 tons of livestock carcasses have accumulated there; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation in Kerman has caused the Hanford Facility to back up with carcasses and the facility is therefore unable to pick up and take in additional livestock; and

WHEREAS, seasonal high temperatures are occurring; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2017 the Kings County Office of Emergency Services and the Kings County Health Department were advised of this situation; and

WHEREAS, the Kings County Health Department has determined that the continued accumulation of such livestock carcasses at the Facility and at other locations throughout the County will result in a public health hazard and that at times, emergency disposal measures are necessary to protect the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, from the adoption by the Legislature of Government Code section 8570.5 as a part of the State Emergency Services Act, it is clear that the State has determined alternative measures to deal with unusually high number of dead livestock would be necessary in such emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Neves, Kings County Emergency Services Director, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. Based upon the extraordinary accumulation of livestock carcasses at the Facility, the summer heat, the mechanical and operational issues and accumulation of livestock at the Kerman processing facility and the lack of other alternatives, a health hazard exists and it is hereby proclaimed effective immediately that a local emergency exists in Kings County under the provisions of California Government Code section 8630 and Section 6-7 of the Kings County Code of Ordinances.

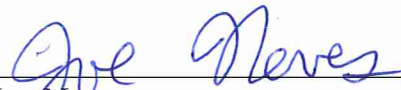
2. Based upon the above proclamation of local emergency, the Kings County Health Department and the Kings County Agricultural Commissioner's Office are hereby authorized to take such actions as they deem appropriate and necessary to provide for the safe and orderly disposal of livestock carcasses. Such disposal will be at a location and under the conditions determined by the Health Department and the Agricultural Commissioner to be necessary to create minimal risk to the environment and to the health and safety of the public. Actions taken hereunder shall comply with all applicable State statutes and regulations.

3. This Proclamation and the acts of disposal of the dead livestock are hereby determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the provisions of CEQA Guidelines section 15269, which provides an exemption for emergency projects.

4. The Emergency Services Coordinator, the Kings County Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the Kings County Health Department are hereby authorized to take other appropriate action which are deemed necessary in response to this local emergency.

5. The Emergency Services Coordinator shall take appropriate steps to notify the State Office of Emergency Services of this Proclamation and of the steps taken hereunder to address this local emergency.

This emergency is proclaimed on June 29, 2017, in Hanford, California, Kings County, California by Joe Neves, Kings County Emergency Services Director.

  
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Joe Neves  
Kings County Emergency Services Director