

17. Approve the Environmental Health Division to fully transition to the Sierra Dairy Lab as the primary dairy inspection lab, effective March 29, 2022. Approve a list of California Department of Food and Agriculture state certified commercial milk labs for emergency purposes.



Health & Human Services Agency

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AGENDA DATE: March 29, 2022

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Approve the Environmental Health Dairy Lab transition

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Environmental Health Division to fully transition to the Sierra Dairy Lab as the primary dairy inspection lab, effective March 29, 2022.
2. Approve an attached list of California Department of Food and Agriculture state certified commercial milk labs for emergency purposes.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Environmental Health Milk Inspection Program conducts dairy inspections and enforcement on all Tulare and Kings County dairies. The Milk Inspection Program was created in 1992. The Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 92-0233 on February 25, 1992 that granted the division oversight of these dairies in both counties.

Environmental Health currently has a team of Registered Dairy Inspectors who conduct routine dairy inspections of all these dairies. These inspections include the collection of milk and water samples to test for various health required compliance needs identified in the California Codes of Regulations, California Food and Agriculture Code, and the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. The Tulare County Public Health Lab is currently the primary lab for all milk and water sample analyses associated with Tulare County Environmental Health inspections and enforcement activities. The Sierra Dairy Lab is currently the backup lab to the Tulare County Public Health Lab for these testing services. The Environmental Health Milk Inspection program covers a portion of the associated costs

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for two (2) milk technicians, a support staff supervisor, and overhead and equipment expenses for the Tulare County Public Health Lab.

The Milk Inspection program budget is reviewed annually for cost efficiencies. As costs for this program have continued to rise, a pilot plan was developed to transition part of the milk and water analyses to the Sierra Dairy Lab to see if it could improve upon the cost efficiencies. The timing of this pilot was beneficial as the Dairy Program was able to utilize Sierra Dairy Lab to process a large amount of samples during the COVID-19 pandemic which freed the Public Health Lab to focus on critically needed testing services and analyses.

This pilot project has shown a cost savings to the Dairy Program. Environmental Health is requesting to fully transition to the Sierra Dairy Lab as the primary lab and select an appropriate backup lab from the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) approved list. The backup lab would provide emergency services as well as maintain compliance requirements.

The Sierra Dairy Lab is a commercial lab with a significantly larger volume of clients that can provide these services at a much lower cost. The change in the lab would save Environmental Health approximately \$118,000 per year and is in line with the direction of providing services to the industry in a cost-effective way.

CDFA provides oversight of the local milk inspection programs and requires dairy labs to be certified by their agency. Sierra Dairy Lab is certified by CDFA. CDFA does not require notification for the change in labs; they only ask that we ensure that the labs we use are certified by them. If approved, we would like to complete the transition for fiscal year 2021/2022.

Services to the dairies would remain the same. Inspectors would still pick up the samples from the dairies and deliver them to the analyzing lab. These analyses would still be received in the same reporting manner and given to the dairies in the same timeframes. This is an internal process change and the dairies will notice no change in service with this transition.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Approval of the transition of labs will save the Environmental Health Division approximately \$118,000 per year in personnel and overhead costs. This cost savings will be reflected in the fees and passed onto the dairies. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes a "Quality of Life" initiative. This transition will help fulfill that obligation as it is in line with our Strategic Plan to provide continued improvements of environmental and public health.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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/s/Karen Elliott

Karen Elliot

Director of Public Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: California Department of Food and Agriculture List



IMS List Approved Milk Laboratories and Approved Procedures *

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Alaska (02)

* **Note:** Definitions of Approved Lab Procedure Codes are found in the [Lab Procedure Codes](#).

Lab Id	Name / City	Type	Exp. Date	Split Sample	Cert. St.	Bacteria*	Drug Tests*	Somatic Cells*	Coliforms*	Containers*	Dairy Water*	Phosphatase*	Vitamins*	Other*
02-A-00001	Alaska St. Environ. Health Lab Anchorage	Cen.	08/22	09/19 09/18	F	5a	C10, C13, D3	12	20a	22		28b		

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Arizona (04)

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04-A-00002	SDA Phoenix	Cen.	04/22	09/20 02/20	F	2a, 5a	C3, C15, D3	12, 16	20a, 21a	22	24	28a, 28b		
04-D-00600	Shamrock Food Company Phoenix	CIS	04/22	11/20 11/19	F		C13							
04-D-00601	United Dairymen Of Arizona Tempe	CIS	09/22	11/20 10/19	F		C13, C15							

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California (06)

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06-A-00034	CA Animal Health & Food Safety San Bernardino	Cen.	02/22	09/19 09/18	F	2a, 5a	C2, C10, C11, C12, C13, C15, C16, D3, 11	12, 16h	20a, 21a	22	24	28a		
06-A-00007	Imperial County Public Health El Centro	Off.	09/21	01/21 01/20	F	2a	D1		21a		24			

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06-A-00030	Sonoma County H.D. Santa Rosa	Off.	07/22	01/21 01/20	F	2a	C13, D1	12	21a		25			
06-A-00032	Tulare County Health Services Tulare	Off.	01/22	01/21 01/20	F	2a, 3a	C13, D3	12	21a		24a, 24d			
06-B-00141	Michelson Labs Of No. Calif. Manteca	Com.	05/23	01/21 01/20	F	2a, 5a	D3	16c	20a, 21a					
06-B-00143	Michelson Lab. Commerce	Com.	07/23	03/21 03/20	F	2a, 5a	D3	16c	20a, 21a	22a	24c, 24d, 25			
06-B-00147	Merieux NutriSciences-Silliker Salida	Com.	02/23	01/21 01/20	F	2a, 5a	C13, C17, D3	16e	20a, 21a	22a, 22b		28a		
06-B-00150	Sierra Dairy Laboratory, Inc. Tulare	Com.	02/23	01/21 01/20	F	2a, 3a	C15, D3	12, 16c	21a	22	25	28a		
06-B-00159	Certified Labs Of Northern CA Turlock	Com.	02/22	01/21 01/20	F	2a	D1		21a					
06-B-00160	Eurofins, DQCI Fresno	Com.	05/22	01/21 01/20	F	2a, 5a, 7a	C13, C15, D3	12, 16d	20a	22a	24a, 24f	28a		
06-B-00633	I & A Lab Ontario	Com.	03/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13, C15							
06-C-00374	Humboldt Creamery Fortuna	Ind.	08/22	01/21 01/20	F	5a	C13, D3		20a					
06-D-00600	Rumiano Cheese Company Crescent City	CIS	03/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13							
06-D-00603	HP Hood LLC Sacramento	CIS	08/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13							
06-D-00604	Rumiano Cheese's Trans Sta. Loleta	CIS	03/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13							
06-D-00609	Alta-Dena Dairy Industry	CIS	08/23	03/21 03/20	F		C15, C17, C18							
06-D-00611	California Dairies, Inc. Tipton	CIS	09/23	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00612	Hilmar Cheese Hilmar	CIS	05/23	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00613	California Dairies, Inc. Fresno	CIS	08/22	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00618	Land O' Lakes Tulare	CIS	03/22	02/21 03/20	F		C13, C17, C18							
06-D-00622	California Dairies, Inc. South Turlock	CIS	06/23	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00625	Saputo Dairy Foods Gustine	CIS	04/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13							
06-D-00626	California Dairies, Inc. Visalia	CIS	01/22	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00632	Saputo Cheese Newman	CIS	02/23	01/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00634	Clover Stornetta Farms Petaluma	CIS	03/23	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00635	California Dairies Inc - North Turlock	CIS	11/23	01/21 01/20	F		C15							
06-D-00636	Valley Milk, LLC Turlock	CIS	02/22	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00637	Dairy Farmers Of America Turlock	CIS	03/23	02/21 03/20	F		C15							
06-D-00638	Joseph Gallo Farms Atwater	CIS	04/23	02/21 03/20	F		C13							

Hawaii (15)

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15-A-00003	Hawaii Dist. Health Off. Hilo	Off.	02/22	01/20 10/19	F	2a	D3	12	21a	22a	24a, 24c, 24f	28a		
15-D-00605	Meadow Gold Hawaii Hilo	CIS	02/22	10/20 11/18	F		C13							

Idaho (16)

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16-A-00008	Animal H Lab Dairy Sec. Boise	Cen.	04/22	02/21 09/20	F	5a, 5b	C13, C15, D3	12, 16c	20a	22a, 22b	25	28b		
16-B-00100	Northwest Labs, LLC Jerome	Com.	03/23	04/21 05/20	F			16c						
16-B-00102	Udder Health Systems Jerome	Com.	03/23	04/21 05/20	F	5a, 5b	C13, C15							
16-C-00352	Glanbia Foods Twin Falls	Ind.	02/22	04/21 05/20	F	5a, 7a	C13	12, 16c						
16-C-00359	Agropur - Jerome Cheese Jerome	Ind.	05/22	04/21 05/20	F	5b	C13, D3	12, 16c						
16-C-00360	Sorrento Lactalis Nampa	Ind.	12/22	04/21 05/20	F	5a	C15	12, 16c						
16-C-00361	High Desert Milk Inc. Burley	Ind.	10/23	04/21 05/20	F	5a, 5b	C13	12, 16c						9C20
16-C-00363	Idaho Milk Technical Center Jerome	Ind.	02/23	04/21 05/20	F	5a	C15							
16-D-00601	Glanbia Foods Gooding	CIS	02/22	04/21 05/20	F		C13							
16-D-00602	Darigold Caldwell	CIS	05/23	06/21 06/20	F		C15							
16-D-00606	Darigold Jerome	CIS	03/23	06/21 06/20	F		C15							
16-D-00607	Glanbia Foods Blackfoot	CIS	10/22	06/21 06/20	F		C13							
16-D-00608	Gossner Cheese Heyburn	CIS	10/23	06/21 06/20	F		C13							

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

IN THE MATTER OF Approve the)
Environmental Health Dairy Lab) Resolution No. 2022-0241
transition)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR VANDER POEL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 29, 2022, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS MICARI, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, VALERO AND TOWNSEND
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



BY: Jason T. Britt
Deputy Clerk

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