

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

INSPECTION REPORT

DATE: 10 September 2012

LOCATION & COUNTY: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch
21070 Reeve Road, Tracy
San Joaquin County

CONTACTS: Jim Avila

INSPECTION DATE: 5 September 2012

INSPECTED BY: Sean Walsh / Daniel Davis (CVRWQCB)

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS:

On 1 May 2012 Regional Water Quality Control Board staff conducted a routine compliance inspection at the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch located at 21070 Reeve Road in Tracy. The inspection revealed several serious violations of the General Order including a significant amount of manure and bones being stored on native soil immediately south of the wastewater storage lagoon. On 11 June 2012 a Cleanup And Abatement Order (11 June 2012 CAO) was issued to the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch located at 21070 Reeve Road in Tracy.

Regional Water Board staff inspected the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch on 5 September 2012 to confirm that the manure from the lagoon and south of the lagoon has been excavated and exported off-property to the proper landfill.

No manure has been removed from the property. The manure from the wastewater storage lagoon has been placed on top of the manure / bones south of the wastewater lagoon (Photos 1-3). Staff walked along the top of manure that was removed from the lagoon lightly sifting through the top layer; several bones were observed and shown to Mr. Tosta (Photos 4-5). Mr. Tosta responded by saying coyotes likely carried the bones onto the property; then Mr. Tosta asked again if he could land-apply the manure. Staff clearly stated that Mr. Tosta cannot land-apply the manure. Staff asked Mr. Tosta about a plan regarding the clean up / manure removal from the site; Mr. Tosta stated his environmental consultant Jim Avila told him he would submit a plan that day. As of 10 September 2012 no clean-up plan for the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch has been received.



Photo 1: This manure was removed from the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon. The pictured manure is stacked on top of manure that contains bones and cannot be land-applied.



Photo 2: Staff walked the entire length of this pile lightly sifting through the manure looking for bones. Please see 4-5.



Photo 3: Staff walked the entire length of this pile lightly sifting through the manure looking for bones. Please see 4-5.



Photo 4: Staff found these bones in the manure pile located south of the lagoon. Many more bones were observed, staff picked these out as examples to show Mr. Tosta.



Photo 5: The pile of bones shown to Mr. Tosta.



Photo 6: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon contains clean irrigation water.