CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

INSPECTION REPORT

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DATE: 1 August 2012

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

CONTACTS: Jim Avila

INSPECTION DATE: 26 July 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. Additionally it was discovered that Mr. Tosta was burying his dead cows from the Henry Tosta Dairy on cropland owned by the Echeverria Brothers. 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.

The 11 June 2012 CAO issued to the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch requires the facility be ready for closure by 29 June 2012. On 26 July 2012 Regional Water Board staff inspected the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch to determine if the facility is ready to be removed from coverage under the General Order, staff's findings are summarized below.

Photo 1: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon. All solid manure, wastewater, and bones have been removed from the lagoon and staged immediately south of the south lagoon embankment. The water in the lagoon is clean.

Photo 2: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon. All solid manure, wastewater, and bones have been removed from the lagoon and staged immediately south of the south lagoon embankment. The water in the lagoon is clean.

Photo 3: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon is seen on the left; the middle of the photo shows the south berm of the lagoon, and the manure in the right-hand portion of the photo was removed from the lagoon.

Photo 4: Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon is seen on the left. The manure in the right-hand portion of the photo was removed from the lagoon.

The Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon has been cleaned down to native soil. The removed manure was stacked immediately south of the south embankment of the lagoon. In order to remove this facility from the General Order all the manure stacked south of lagoon must be removed from the property. Specifically, the manure removed from the lagoon can be land-applied or exported to a composting facility; the manure and bones underneath the removed lagoon manure must be excavated and sent to a proper landfill (please see the 11 June 2012 CAO).

Jim Avila has been hired to execute the clean-up of the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch. Mr. Avila stated he will submit a plan no later than 11 August 2012 outlining how the manure will be removed, the quantity of manure removed, the final destination of the manure, and a date when the clean-up / manure removal will be completed.

The corrals are graded and do not contain excessive manure.

The well-pads been repaired.

The milk barn is non-operational.