CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

INSPECTION REPORT

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

CONTACTS: Henry Tosta (209-814-0139) / Jim Avila

INSPECTION DATE: 17 July 2012

INSPECTED BY: Sean Walsh / Gilberto Corral (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 17 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.

No solid manure, slurry manure, or wastewater has been removed from the Reeve Road Heifer Ranch wastewater storage lagoon.

No solid manure has been removed from the area south of the wastewater storage lagoon.

The Reeve Road Heifer Facility is not ready to be removed from coverage under that General Order.