

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA)
ANIMAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY SERVICES (AHFSS)
MEAT, POULTRY AND EGG SAFETY BRANCH (MPES)
RENDERING INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD (RIAB)
FEE CONSIDERATIONS FOR COLLECTION CENTERS SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2023**

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California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA 95814

Item

No. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Jimmy Andreoli, II, called the RIAB subcommittee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

(1) **ROLL CALL**

Roll was taken by Mr. Andreoli. All subcommittee members were in attendance.

Board Members Present:

Michael Koewler

David Isen

James (Jimmy) Andreoli, II

Chris Friberg

Interested Parties

None

CDFA:

Han Lai

Andrew Halbert

Brittany Cardoza

Penny Arana

Olivia Call

(2) **SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Andrew Halbert discussed the regulation as it is presently written and the proposed changes to the text to add in “tank only.” Mr. Halbert reviewed Title 3 California Code of Regulation (CCR) 1180.3.1, to add in subsection (c). He informed the board CDFA has no vested interest in pursuing this regulation and it was drafted to address industry concerns.

Mr. Andreoli reviewed the issues that were mentioned at the May 2023 RIAB meeting, regarding concerns with regulations and enforcement.

Ms. Brittany Cardoza informed the board this was initially proposed to offer regulated storage options, for underserved areas.

Mr. Chris Friberg stated there would be environmental impacts in allowing this and that these locations would be excluded from the regulations surrounding containment. He

stated he is concerned about a truck being parked at someone's residence and they can register as a collection center.

Mr. Andreoli re-reviewed the definition of a "tank only" collection center and reminded the board that all tanks are to be leak proof and that transfer is to be conducted with hoses and pumps that are in good repair.

Ms. Cardoza informed the board that prior to issuance of a collection center license, the local municipality is contacted to verify the storage activity is allowed at the requested location. This is to verify that material can be stored at the requested location based on local municipal codes, permit requirements, zoning regulations etc. Ms. Cardoza also informed the board that there are currently (55) collection centers across the state and (25) of those current locations, already meet the definition of a "tank only" collection center. The board was also reminded that these locations do not require containment or a slab, as it is temporary storage in a truck or a tank on a trailer

Mr. Koewler stated allowing these collection centers would be a step backwards from all the work and regulations that have been enacted regarding Inedible Kitchen Grease (IKG) collection and storage.

Mr. Halbert reminded the board that the definition of a "tank only" collection center already exists in regulation and a location may already register as a "tank only" collection center with CDFA, what is being discussed was a reduced fee for these types of operations. Mr. Halbert then asked the board what was the exact concern that they are referring to, regarding these types of operations.

Mr. Koewler asked what areas are reporting, that they are underserved. Ms. Cardoza informed the board that much of the interest is from the Central Valley, as well as remote areas of Northern California. Mr. Isen asked if Redding, California was one of the areas that is claiming to be underserved. Ms. Cardoza informed the board that Redding was not one of the locations and that a list of cities and counties can be provided at a later date.

Ms. Cardoza informed the board that within the last month there were three unlicensed collection centers located. She continued with the other intention with this regulation is to allow those who are illegally storing IKG, to register as a collection center and gain compliance with CDFA.

Mr. Isen spoke about his past history of tracking IKG theft and asked if these unlicensed collection centers were involved in theft. Ms. Cardoza informed the board that most unlicensed collection centers were discovered during a manifest audit and in these situations, only one of three was associated with theft.

Mr. Halbert brought up to the board that during the last RIAB meeting in May, there was discussion of having a cap on the number of trailers or amount of IKG held at a "tank only" collection center.

Mr. Isen inquired what types of vehicles are primarily being used in the unlicensed operations and Ms. Cardoza informed the board, most often the IKG is being stored directly in the vehicle they use to pick up the material. Mr. Isen asked if these are primarily pickup trucks and gave the example of a Ford F250 and Ford F350, and Brittany informed the board that was correct.

Mr. Isen discussed how many IKG vehicles utilized by transporters are currently overloaded and is concerned to see storage in these types of vehicles.

Mr. Friberg stated that there is already a collection center license fee “on the books” and he does not want to see a deviation away from that.

The board discussed the current collection center fee and stated it was a reasonable fee for a business if they wish to operate as a collection center.

Motion #1: Mr. Andreoli made a motion that based on the discussion, the subcommittee does not want to move forward with the updated language. Mr. Isen, Mr. Friberg and Mr. Koewler were in favor and Mr. Andreoli was not in favor.

The topic will move back to the Board for further discussion.

(4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

(6) **FUTURE RIAB MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Future agenda items:

- Regulation Changes – inform the Board of the outcome of the subcommittee meeting.

(7) **UPCOMING RIAB MEETING DATES**

The next RIAB meeting will be scheduled for September 7, 2023.

Motion #2: Mr. Jimmy Andreoli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members agreed with no abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Olivia Call