



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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To whom it may concern:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture recognizes that rendering services are vital to public health and welfare. Without rendering services, to include but not limited to, dead animal hauling, inedible material transport, inedible kitchen grease transport and associated movement there is an extremely high potential for creating a public nuisance, overflow of inedible kitchen grease (IKG) into the sewer systems, and a drastic increase of organics that will be forced to be taken to the landfill instead of being recycled at a rendering plant.

The second and third level effects of not servicing rendering and IKG accounts and their associated containers could have far reaching impacts on environmental, human and animal health.

These services are mostly conducted away from contact with other people and steps are being taken to drastically reduce or eliminate contact between humans all together.

It is imperative that rendering services be allowed to cross county borders and operate between counties to serve the public. Because public health orders to cease non-essential activity in several counties start at midnight March 16, 2020, it is important to recognize that rendering vehicles are considered an essential business providing a vital service within the solid waste collection and removal exemption.

Please feel free to contact me with questions and concerns at the number below.

Sincerely,

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Director and State Veterinarian

