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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE,
INC., a California non-profit corporation,

Petitioner,

v.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE,

Respondent.

CASE NO.

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR WRIT
OF MANDATE AND
DECLARATORY AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF UNDER THE
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS
ACT [Gov. Code, § 7923.000]**

INTRODUCTION

1. California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (“CRLA”) files this Petition pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.) to compel the California Department of Food and Agriculture (“CDFA”) to disclose various records related to outbreaks of H5N1, an avian influenza virus, in California dairies.

2. Throughout 2024 and 2025, H5N1 (a.k.a. “bird flu”) has spread in California dairies, killing thousands of cows, sickening dozens of dairy workers, and jeopardizing public health. As an organization dedicated to advancing agricultural workers’ rights, CRLA has engaged in extensive outreach to distribute personal protective equipment (“PPE”) to dairy workers and educate dairy workers about the risks of bird flu and their rights as workers who may be exposed to the virus. Through this work, CRLA seeks to protect dairy workers, their communities, and the broader public from H5N1.

3. In December 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to H5N1, stating his intention that all “Californians have access to accurate, up-to-date information” about the disease. CDFA, nonetheless, has refused to provide the public with critical information related to the spread of H5N1—including any details about the locations it has placed under quarantine due to bird flu outbreaks. Prompt disclosure of quarantine locations would allow CRLA and other members of the public to effectively target outreach and education to at-risk workers and communities and better understand and respond to a dangerous disease. CDFA’s refusal to disclose the locations of H5N1 outbreaks has stifled such critical bird flu prevention and research efforts.

4. In addition to jeopardizing public health, CDFA’s refusal to disclose the locations of bird flu outbreaks has perpetuated a stark and unjustifiable information asymmetry: CDFA and dairy producers know where and when bird flu outbreaks are occurring; CRLA, dairy workers, and the broader public do not. In January 2025, in a bid to remedy this asymmetry, CRLA submitted a request to CDFA under the California Public Records Act (“PRA”) for records related to dairy operations placed under quarantine due to H5N1 infections in cattle, including lists the agency maintains of dairies under quarantine. Instead of promptly processing this request and disclosing

1 the requested records, however, CDFA spent nearly the next seven months delaying its responses
2 to CRLA, refusing to reveal its quarantine lists, and ultimately producing records which were
3 redacted beyond usability.

4 5. Because zoonotic diseases like avian influenza can spread to cattle from birds and
5 other animals, California dairies will likely continue to be impacted by H5N1 and/or similar viruses
6 which can infect dairy workers, become transmissible between humans, and potentially cause an
7 acute public health crisis. The dangers posed by H5N1 to dairy workers—and by extension the
8 public at large—can be significantly reduced through education, research, PPE use, sanitation
9 protocols, limitations on contact with infected animals and animal products, and other protective
10 behaviors, many of which are required by state occupational safety and health regulations. To
11 ensure such measures are being taken, however, it is vital to know which dairies are impacted by
12 H5N1 outbreaks. CDFA is the only state agency empowered to gather such information, so it is
13 paramount that CDFA complies with the PRA and releases records that will help civil society
14 respond effectively to a potent threat.

15 6. The records sought by CRLA would facilitate crucial dairy worker outreach and
16 education efforts, bolster compliance with California law, and allow scientists to advance public
17 health research, among other salubrious outcomes which flow from upholding the public's right to
18 access information gathered by public agencies. Accordingly, CRLA asks this Court to order CDFA
19 to comply with its obligations under the PRA and the California Constitution by producing the
20 records requested, in their entirety and without further delay.

21 **PARTIES**

22 7. Petitioner CRLA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit law firm headquartered in
23 Modesto, California, with offices located throughout California. Since 1966, CRLA has provided
24 legal services at no cost to qualifying low-income individuals, especially agricultural workers.
25 CRLA is a member of the public, as defined by Government Code sections 7920.515 and 7920.520.

26 8. Respondent CDFA is a California state agency headquartered in Sacramento,
27 California. CDFA is a public agency, as defined by Government Code sections 7920.525 and
28 7920.540.

1 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2 9. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter under article I, section 3 of the California
3 Constitution; article VI, section 10 of the California Constitution; Government Code section
4 7923.000; and Code of Civil Procedure sections 1060 and 1085.

5 10. Venue is proper in Sacramento County under Government Code section 7923.100
6 and Code of Civil Procedure section 395 because, on information and belief, all the records at issue
7 in this matter are in the possession of Respondent CDFA in Sacramento County, where the agency
8 is headquartered.

9 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

10 **I. Public Health Dangers Posed by H5N1**

11 11. In recent years, variants of the H5N1 strain of avian influenza have spread rapidly
12 throughout the world, mainly infecting birds and non-human mammals. (Lowen et al., *Controlling*
13 *bird flu is urgent—for dairy, wildlife, poultry, pets, and people*, Journal of the American Veterinary
14 Medical Association (June 25, 2025).)¹ H5N1 is a zoonotic aerosol transmissible disease (“ATD”),
15 meaning infected animals can spread the virus to humans through the air and via bodily fluids,
16 including their milk. (Campbell et al., *mGem: Transmission and exposure risks of dairy cow H5N1*
17 *influenza virus*, mBio (Feb. 11, 2025).)²

18 12. Avian influenza viruses can mutate and/or combine with other viruses to become
19 more resistant to eradication, more transmissible, and/or more fatal. A single mutation within
20 H5N1’s genome could enable it to spread between humans. (Rust, *Just one mutation can make*
21 *H5N1 bird flu a threat to humans, California researchers say*, Los Angeles Times (Dec. 5, 2024).)³

22 13. H5N1 is often lethal. Out of 990 human H5N1 infections reported to the World
23 Health Organization since 2003, 475—48%—have resulted in death. (*Cumulative number of*
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26 ¹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at
27 <https://avmajournals.avma.org/view/journals/javma/263/9/javma.25.05.0294.xml>.

² Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC11898566/>.

28 ³ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-12-05/just-one-mutation-can-make-h5n1-a-threat-to-humans>.

1 confirmed human cases for avian influenza A(H5N1) reported to WHO, 2003-2025, 25 August
2 2025, World Health Organization (Aug. 25, 2025).⁴

3 14. There is a significant risk that H5N1 could cause a major public health emergency,
4 and there is much that public health researchers and virologists have yet to learn about the disease.
5 (Lowen et al., *Pandemic risk stemming from the bovine H5N1 outbreak: an account of the knowns*
6 *and unknowns*, Journal of Virology (Feb. 27, 2025).)⁵

7 15. Humans who work near cows infected with H5N1 are at high risk of contracting the
8 disease. (Dhillon et al., *Steps to prevent and respond to an H5N1 epidemic in the USA*, Nature
9 Medicine (Apr. 2025).)⁶ Dairy workers can protect themselves from H5N1 infections, though, by
10 wearing PPE (such as gloves, respirators, aprons, face shields, and eye goggles); minimizing close
11 contact with dead and infected animals; and adhering to rigorous sanitation protocols. (Bartlett et
12 al., *Enhancing the response to avian influenza in the US and globally*, The Lancet Regional Health
13 – Americas (June 2025).)⁷

14 16. On March 25, 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) announced
15 H5N1 had jumped from wild birds to cows in Texas and Kansas dairy herds. (*Highly Pathogenic*
16 *Avian Influenza H5N1 Genotype B3.13 in Dairy Cattle: National Epidemiologic Brief*, USDA –
17 Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Sep. 24, 2024).)⁸ The virus soon began infecting cattle
18 and dairy workers throughout the United States. (Maxmen, *How America Lost Control of the Bird*
19 *Flu, Setting the Stage for Another Pandemic*, KFF Health News (Dec. 20, 2024).)⁹

20 17. On August 30, 2024, CDFA announced it had placed three California dairies under
21 quarantine due to H5N1 infections. (*HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)*
22 *CONFIRMED IN THREE CALIFORNIA DAIRY HERDS*, CDFA (Aug. 30, 2024).)¹⁰ Since then,

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24 ⁴ Available as of October 28, 2025 at [https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/cumulative-number-of-confirmed-human-cases-for-avian-influenza-a\(h5n1\)-reported-to-who--2003-2025--25-august-2025](https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/cumulative-number-of-confirmed-human-cases-for-avian-influenza-a(h5n1)-reported-to-who--2003-2025--25-august-2025).

25 ⁵ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://journals.asm.org/doi/10.1128/jvi.00052-25>.

26 ⁶ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-025-03527-8>.

27 ⁷ Available as of October 28, 2025 at [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanam/article/PIIS2667-193X\(25\)00110-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanam/article/PIIS2667-193X(25)00110-3/fulltext).

28 ⁸ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/highly-pathogenic-avian-influenza-national-epidemiological-brief-09-24-2024.pdf>.

⁹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/bird-flu-spread-cattle-poultry-pandemic-cdc/>.

¹⁰ Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/HPAI.html.

1 H5N1 has impacted hundreds of California dairies and dozens of California dairy workers exposed
2 to sick cows have fallen ill with the virus. (Zhu et al., *Human Cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian*
3 *Influenza A(H5N1) — California, September–December 2024*, CDC Morbidity and Mortality
4 Weekly Report (Mar. 13, 2025).)¹¹

5 II. State Agencies’ Powers to Prevent the Spread of Zoonotic Diseases

6 18. In California, three state agencies are primarily charged with responding to zoonotic
7 diseases like H5N1. CDFA is responsible for investigating outbreaks and preventing the spread of
8 diseases between animals. (Food & Agr. Code, § 9531.) The California Division of Occupational
9 Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) is responsible for protecting California workers from
10 occupational hazards, (Lab. Code, § 6309), including infections from diseases carried by animals
11 in their workplaces. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 5199.1.) And the California Department of Public
12 Health (“CDPH”), in coordination with local health departments, is tasked with testing for, tracking,
13 and treating communicable diseases. (Health & Saf. Code, §§ 120125, 120140, 120175.)

14 19. CDFA is required to maintain a public List of Reportable Conditions for Animals
15 and Animal Products (“Reportable Conditions List”), which compiles conditions that “may pose
16 significant threats to public health, animal health, the environment, or the food supply.” (Food &
17 Agr. Code, § 9101, subd. (a); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 3, § 797, subd. (b).) CDFA is often the first
18 agency to become aware of zoonotic disease outbreaks because licensed veterinarians and other
19 animal health professionals in California are required to report to CDFA when they suspect an
20 animal has been affected by any condition on the Reportable Conditions List. (Food & Agr. Code,
21 § 9101, subd. (b); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 3, § 797, subd. (d).) At least as of September 2024, “[h]ighly
22 pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 virus in livestock” has been included on CDFA’s
23 Reportable Conditions List, under the heading “EMERGENCY CONDITIONS / Report within 24
24 Hours of Discovery.” (*LIST OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL*
25 *PRODUCTS*, CDFA – Animal Health Branch (Sep. 2024).)¹²

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27 ¹¹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/74/wr/mm7408a1.htm>.

28 ¹² Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/CA_reportable_disease_list_poster.pdf.

1 20. Not only does CDFA have broad authority to investigate suspected outbreaks of
2 zoonotic diseases, including the power to “enter any premises and inspect any animal,” (Food &
3 Agr. Code, § 9531; *see also* Food & Agr. Code, §§ 32731, 33321), it has the obligation to impose
4 a quarantine if the State Veterinarian believes an infected population of animals “could transmit an
5 illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans.” (Food & Agr. Code, § 9562,
6 subd. (a); *see also* Food & Agr. Code, §§ 9562, subd. (b)(3) and 10610, subd. (a).)

7 21. CDFA’s imposition of a quarantine triggers heightened protections for workers.
8 California’s occupational safety and health zoonotic ATD standard requires, at baseline, that
9 employers, including dairy owners, “establish, implement, and maintain effective procedures for
10 preventing employee exposure to zoonotic aerosol transmissible pathogens.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit.
11 8, § 5199.1, subd. (a)(2)(A).) And when “CDFA issues a quarantine order, movement restriction,
12 or other infection control order applicable to an establishment due to an increased risk of zoonotic
13 [ATD] infection,” the zoonotic ATD standard requires employers to implement additional
14 employee protections, including: identifying and marking restricted areas; supervising employees
15 in the restricted areas and providing them with appropriate PPE, respiratory protection, and means
16 of sanitation; providing employees with recommended medical services; maintaining records of
17 entry to restricted areas; and providing employees with appropriate training. (Cal. Code Regs., tit.
18 8, § 5199.1, subd. (c).) Compliance with the zoonotic ATD standard significantly reduces the risk
19 of transmission of zoonotic diseases, such as H5N1, from dairy cows to humans.

20 **III. Bird Flu Outbreaks in California Dairies**

21 22. Throughout late 2024 and 2025, H5N1 has spread rapidly throughout California
22 dairy and poultry farms—especially in the Central San Joaquin Valley, home to most of the state’s
23 more than 1,000 dairies—leading to the deaths of thousands of cows and millions of birds.

24 23. By early October 2024, California dairy workers began to fall ill with bird flu
25 infections, while dead cows were piled along roadways in the Central Valley. (Klein, *Photos of*
26 *dead cattle show bird flu is overwhelming Tulare County. How did the virus get in?*, KVPR (Oct.
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1 11, 2024).¹³ Nonetheless, CDFA refused to publicly disclose even the counties in which it had
2 confirmed dairy herd infections. (Rust, *'More serious than we had hoped': Bird flu deaths mount*
3 *among California dairy cows*, Los Angeles Times (Oct. 4, 2024).)¹⁴ By the end of October 2024,
4 16 out of 39 Californians screened by local health officials for H5N1 had tested positive for the
5 virus. (Hwang, *Bird flu jumped from cows to people. Now advocates want more farmworkers tested*,
6 CalMatters (Oct. 30, 2024).)¹⁵

7 24. On November 21, 2024, the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health
8 discovered and announced that raw milk sold by a Fresno-based dairy contained the H5N1 virus.
9 (Rust, *Bird flu virus detected in California raw milk*, Los Angeles Times (Nov. 24, 2024).)¹⁶ Soon
10 thereafter, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health publicized the names of nearly 50
11 stores that might have sold the contaminated milk. (Rust, *Did you buy raw milk at one of these*
12 *stores? Another recall issued for tainted California milk*, Los Angeles Times (Nov. 27, 2024).)¹⁷
13 CDFA subsequently placed the dairy under quarantine. (Rust, *All raw milk from Fresno dairy farm*
14 *will be cleared from store shelves; cows have bird flu*, Los Angeles Times (Dec. 4, 2024).)¹⁸

15 25. Even as the spread and severity of H5N1 became more apparent, some dairies placed
16 under quarantine failed to train their employees in bird flu prevention or provide their employees
17 with PPE and other protections. (Rust & Gomez, *Despite warnings from bird flu experts, it's*
18 *business as usual in California dairy country*, Los Angeles Times (Nov. 26, 2024).)¹⁹

19 26. On December 6, 2024, USDA announced a National Milk Testing Strategy to
20 combat the spread of bird flu nationwide, mandating that dairies and other businesses handling raw
21 milk cooperate with USDA in testing for and reporting the presence of H5N1. (Rust, *USDA says it*

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23 ¹³ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.kvpr.org/health/2024-10-11/photos-of-dead-cattle-show-bird-flu-is-overwhelming-tulare-county-how-did-the-virus-get-in>.

24 ¹⁴ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-10-04/bird-flu-deaths-increasing-among-california-dairy-cows>.

25 ¹⁵ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://calmatters.org/health/2024/10/bird-flu-california/>.

26 ¹⁶ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-11-24/bird-flu-detected-in-california-raw-milk>.

27 ¹⁷ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-11-27/california-recalls-more-raw-milk-after-bird-flu-test-results>.

28 ¹⁸ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-12-04/raw-farm-fresno-bird-flu-all-milk-cream-recalled>.

¹⁹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-11-26/bird-flu-warnings-are-going-unheeded-at-many-dairy-farms>.

1 will start testing milk for H5N1 bird flu virus nationwide, Los Angeles Times (Dec. 6, 2024).²⁰ On
2 December 18, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response
3 to H5N1, stating his intention “that Californians have access to accurate, up-to-date information”
4 about the disease. (*Governor Newsom takes proactive action to strengthen robust state response to*
5 *Bird Flu*, Governor Gavin Newsom (Dec. 18, 2024).)²¹

6 27. Even under the state of emergency, H5N1 continued to spread; by early January
7 2025, CDFA had placed more than 700 dairies under quarantine and had released only 100 dairies
8 from quarantine. (*January 7, 2025: CDFA Has Confirmed New Cases of H5N1 Bird Flu in*
9 *California Dairy Herds and Released 100 Fully Recovered Dairies from Quarantine*, CDFA (Jan.
10 7, 2025).)²² On January 7, 2025, California’s State Veterinarian banned all California dairy cattle
11 exhibitions. (*State Veterinarian Bans All California Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fairs*
12 *and Shows*, CDFA (Jan. 7, 2025).)²³

13 28. To date, CDPH reports that 38 Californians—including at least 36 dairy workers—
14 have been infected with H5N1 since October 2024. (*Current Bird Flu Situation*, CDPH (last
15 checked Oct. 28, 2025).)²⁴ Serological data, meanwhile, suggests the true number of H5N1
16 infections in dairy workers not captured by laboratory tests may be much higher. (Mellis et al.,
17 *Serologic Evidence of Recent Infection with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5) Virus Among*
18 *Dairy Workers — Michigan and Colorado, June–August 2024*, CDC Morbidity and Mortality
19 Weekly Report (Nov. 7, 2024).)²⁵

20 29. Between November 2024 and June 2025, USDA sent 644 payments to 359
21 California dairies, totaling more than \$230 million, in compensation for bird flu-related production
22 losses. (Rust, *California dairy farmers got millions to cover bird flu losses. Critics say that’s part*
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25 ²⁰ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/environment/story/2024-12-06/usda-says-it-will-start-testing-milk-for-h5n1-nationwide>.

26 ²¹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/12/18/governor-newsom-takes-proactive-action-to-strengthen-robust-state-response-to-bird-flu/>.

27 ²² Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/HPAI.html.

28 ²³ Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/docs/CA_Poultry_Dairy_Cattle_Exhibition_Ban_2025.pdf.

²⁴ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/pages/Bird-Flu.aspx>.

²⁵ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/73/wr/mm7344a3.htm>.

1 of the problem, Los Angeles Times (July 28, 2025).²⁶

2 30. On August 1, 2025, CDFA announced it had re-quarantined 43 dairies which had
3 previously been released from quarantine. (*August 1, 2025: H5N1 Bird Flu in Livestock Updates*,
4 CDFA (Aug. 1, 2025).)²⁷ CDFA has issued no public statements about the spread of H5N1 since.

5 31. A lack of public data about the spread of H5N1, including information about when
6 and where outbreaks have impacted California dairies, has stymied public health and
7 epidemiological research efforts, making it more difficult to understand, track, and combat the
8 disease. (Moran, *In Tracking Avian Flu, Data Privacy Stymies Researchers*, Undark (Sep. 16,
9 2025).)²⁸

10 32. Infectious disease experts are concerned that H5N1 and other avian influenza viruses
11 will continue impacting California dairies as waterfowl migrate seasonally through the state,
12 presenting an ongoing threat to public health. (Rust, *Immigration crackdown could stymie efforts*
13 *to fight bird flu outbreak, experts fear*, Los Angeles Times (July 18, 2025).)²⁹

14 **IV. CRLA's Dairy Worker Protection Efforts and Public Records Request**

15 33. CRLA has a long history of advocating for the health and safety of agricultural
16 workers, including dairy workers.

17 34. Dairy workers tend to live in remote areas, often in housing provided by their
18 employers. Many dairy workers do not complain about unsafe or unhealthy working environments
19 for fear of losing their employment and/or housing. (Cossyleon et al., *Producing Risks: Dairy*
20 *Workers' Experiences and the Need for Worker-Centered Bird Flu Mitigation*, UC Merced
21 Community and Labor Center (Feb. 2025).)³⁰

22 35. In October 2024, concerned by the risks bird flu posed to California dairy workers
23 and their communities, CRLA staff began developing know-your-rights ("KYR") educational
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25 ²⁶ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2025-07-28/ca-dairies-cash-in-on-usda-bird-flu-indemnity-payouts-220-million>.

26 ²⁷ Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/HPAI.html.

27 ²⁸ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://undark.org/2025/09/16/avian-flu-farm-data-privacy/>.

28 ²⁹ Available as of October 28, 2025 at <https://www.latimes.com/science/story/2025-07-18/has-h5n1-bird-flu-truly-waned-or-has-info-been-stifled-under-rfk-jr>.

³⁰ Available as of October 28, 2025 at https://clc.ucmerced.edu/sites/g/files/ufvvjh626/f/page/documents/dairy_worker_brief_1.pdf.

1 materials and trainings for dairy workers. These materials and trainings explained, among other
2 matters, dairy workers' rights to take paid sick leave, receive free testing for H5N1 from local health
3 departments, make confidential health and safety complaints to Cal/OSHA, and receive bird flu
4 prevention training and PPE from their employers.

5 36. Throughout late 2024 and 2025, CRLA staff conducted dairy worker outreach and
6 education events in Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Merced, and Stanislaus counties; appeared on Spanish-
7 language radio and television programs to discuss H5N1; presented to community groups about
8 bird flu; and distributed hundreds of bags containing PPE and KYR materials at stores, vendor
9 stalls, and housing complexes. CRLA staff conducted their outreach in areas they knew or believed
10 to be home to many dairy workers. Nonetheless, without any idea which of the hundreds of dairies
11 in the Central Valley were under quarantine, CRLA staff could not effectively focus their efforts in
12 the communities at most immediate risk from H5N1.

13 37. To better inform at-risk dairy workers of their rights, and to protect public health
14 more broadly, on January 24, 2025, CRLA submitted a PRA Request (the "Request") to CDFA via
15 email, seeking "records maintained by CDFA relating to dairy operations currently or recently
16 placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures." A true and
17 correct copy of CRLA's January 24 Request is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

18 **V. CDFA's Failures to Comply with the California Public Records Act**

19 38. CDFA acknowledged the Request via email the same day it was submitted, January
20 24, 2025. A true and correct copy of CDFA's January 24 correspondence is attached hereto as
21 Exhibit 2.

22 39. Except as otherwise noted below, correspondence from CDFA to CRLA was not
23 sent by identifiable agency employees.

24 40. CDFA failed to identify whether it possessed any responsive records to the Request
25 within 10 days of its receipt.

26 41. On February 12, 2025, CRLA inquired about the status of the Request. A true and
27 correct copy of CRLA's February 12 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

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1 42. On February 14, 2025, CDFA responded that it was “awaiting responsive records”
2 but offered no “estimated expected date of receipt.” A true and correct copy of CDFA’s February
3 14 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

4 43. On February 24, 2025, CRLA reminded CDFA that an initial determination in
5 response to the Request should have been made by February 3, 2025, adding that it was “seeking a
6 list or lists of the names and locations of California dairies under bird flu-related quarantine
7 to [advance] the legal rights and wellbeing of dairy workers.” A true and correct copy of CRLA’s
8 February 24 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

9 44. On February 26, 2025, CDFA denied the Request, purportedly pursuant to
10 Government Code sections 7923.600 and 7922.000. A true and correct copy of CDFA’s February
11 26 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 6. In its denial, CDFA claimed “records related to
12 an open investigation are exempt from disclosure” and “that the public interest served by not
13 disclosing records related to ongoing H5N1 cattle infection investigations clearly
14 outweighs the public interest served by disclosure.” (Exhibit 6.)

15 45. On March 6, 2025, CRLA requested that CDFA reconsider its denial, explaining
16 why Government Code sections 7923.600 and 7922.000 could not justify withholding the records
17 it sought. A true and correct copy of CRLA’s March 6 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit
18 7.

19 46. On March 12, 2025, CDFA acknowledged CRLA’s March 6 request for
20 reconsideration and, without responding to the arguments CRLA presented, asked for “the ‘specific
21 type’ of record that you are seeking” to “assist staff in locating and retrieving the records you seek.”
22 A true and correct copy of CDFA’s March 12 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 8.

23 47. On March 13, 2025, CRLA responded that it was “happy to work with CDFA to
24 clarify and narrow” the Request, again stated that it was “seeking a list or lists of the names and
25 locations of California dairies under bird flu-related quarantine,” and added: “Ideally, such
26 documents would also indicate the dates dairies have entered and been released from quarantine,
27 and any data on the number of cows and/or people infected with H5N1.” A true and correct copy
28 of CRLA’s March 13 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 9.

1 48. On March 14, 2025, CDFA asked: “Are you requesting records related to dairies
2 under active quarantine or diaries [*sic*] that have been released from quarantine?” and “Is there a
3 specific timeframe for the records you are seeking?” A true and correct copy of CDFA’s March 14
4 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.

5 49. On March 17, 2025, CRLA responded by narrowing its Request “to all dairies that
6 are under active quarantine or that have been released from quarantine in the last two months,”
7 specified that “time is of the essence with this request,” and requested rolling production of records
8 based on geographic priorities. A true and correct copy of CRLA’s March 17 correspondence is
9 attached hereto as Exhibit 11.

10 50. On March 24, 2025, after a week with no response, CRLA asked CDFA for an
11 “anticipated timeline for production.” A true and correct copy of CRLA’s March 24 correspondence
12 is attached hereto as Exhibit 12. Later that day, CDFA again stated it had
13 “no expected date of receipt currently.” A true and correct copy of CDFA’s March 24
14 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 13.

15 51. On March 25, 2025, CRLA reminded CDFA of several of its obligations under the
16 PRA, including deciding whether it possesses disclosable records within 10 days of receiving a
17 PRA request and providing the requester with an estimated date and time for release. A true and
18 correct copy of CRLA’s March 25 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 14. CRLA also
19 repeated its request for rolling production of records related to the dairies most recently placed
20 under quarantine and raised the possibility of suing the agency to compel disclosure. (Exhibit 14.)

21 52. On March 28, 2025—nine weeks after CRLA made the Request—CDFA
22 “confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records” related to CRLA’s request for
23 “copies of a list or lists of the names and locations of California dairies that are under active
24 quarantine or that have been released from quarantine in the last two months.” A true and correct
25 copy of CDFA’s March 28 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 15. CDFA added that,
26 “[d]ue to the large volume of records anticipated to be received,” it would “release the first batch
27 of responsive records by April 30, 2025.” (Exhibit 15.)

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1 53. On April 2, 2025, CRLA expressed its hope that “the core of the request—a list or
2 lists of dairies under active quarantine—can be fulfilled without much effort,” and advised CDFA
3 that it intended “this to be a rolling request” for “relevant records as the dairy quarantine situation
4 changes in the coming weeks and months.” A true and correct copy of CRLA’s April 2
5 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 16.

6 54. CDFA did not respond to CRLA’s April 2 correspondence.

7 55. On May 2, 2025, CDFA pushed back the anticipated date for the first release of
8 records to May 15, 2025 and again acknowledged that CRLA “requested” copies of a list or lists of
9 the names and locations of California dairies that are under active quarantine or that have been
10 released from quarantine in the last two months.” A true and correct copy of CDFA’s May 2
11 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 17. That same day, CRLA requested that CDFA
12 prioritize “records related to dairies still under quarantine” and “provide estimated dates of release
13 for subsequent batches of records, along with a description of the documents expected to be
14 included in those releases.” A true and correct copy of CRLA’s May 2 correspondence is attached
15 hereto as Exhibit 18.

16 56. CDFA did not respond to CRLA’s May 2 correspondence.

17 57. On May 19, 2025, CRLA again requested a status update from CDFA. A true and
18 correct copy of CRLA’s May 19 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 19.

19 58. On May 22, 2025—118 days after CRLA sent the Request—CDFA released 214
20 pages of records, Bates_0001-0214 (“Production 1”). A true and correct copy of CDFA’s May 22
21 correspondence regarding Production 1 is attached hereto as Exhibit 20. Production 1 contained 28
22 notices served by CDFA on various dairies in December 2024, informing them their animals and
23 animal products had been placed under quarantine; movement restriction instructions associated
24 with all but six of those quarantine imposition orders; photos of one of the quarantine entry notices
25 posted on a doorway; amended quarantine notices for two dairies from January and March 2025;
26 three quarantine release notices from March 24, April 3, and April 10, 2025; an epidemiological
27 assessment associated with one of the April 2025 quarantine release notices; and a report from the
28 Cornell Animal Health Diagnostic Center reporting a bulk milk tank positive sample for Avian H5

1 Influenza Virus. A representative sample of the records contained in Production 1, Bates_0057
2 through Bates_0066, is attached hereto as Exhibit 21.

3 59. None of the records in Production 1, or in any subsequent production by CDFA,
4 contained a list or lists of dairies under quarantine or otherwise identified such dairies.

5 60. Throughout Production 1, CDFA redacted the names and locations of the dairies
6 listed on quarantine imposition and release orders. (Exhibit 21.) CDFA stated: “Specific
7 information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names
8 and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been
9 redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a
10 determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not
11 disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure.” (Exhibit 20.)

12 61. CDFA also redacted most of the names and signatures of agency employees included
13 on the dairy quarantine imposition and release orders in Production 1. (Exhibit 21.) CDFA stated:
14 “Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with
15 Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would
16 constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.” (Exhibit 20.) Finally, CDFA indicated that it would
17 release “over 800 records” by June 15, 2025. (*Ibid.*)

18 62. On June 3, 2025, CRLA requested that CDFA “clarify the public interest factors it
19 considered in justifying the name and location redactions, in light of the high bar set by Government
20 Code section 7922.000,” reminding the agency it had argued against the applicability of this PRA
21 exception on March 6, 2025. A true and correct copy of CRLA’s June 3 correspondence is attached
22 hereto as Exhibit 22. CRLA added: “We are still considering taking this matter to court but remain
23 open to working with the Department, so that CRLA and other organizations can engage in timely
24 and targeted outreach to at-risk dairy workers and communities.” (Exhibit 22.)

25 63. On June 4, 2025, CDFA forwarded CRLA’s inquiry to “an Attorney here in the
26 Legal Office.” A true and correct copy of CDFA’s June 4 correspondence is attached hereto as
27 Exhibit 23.

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1 64. On June 11, 2025, CDFA provided two justifications for its redactions. A true and
2 correct copy of CDFA’s June 11 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 24. In its June 11
3 correspondence, CDFA claimed:

- 4 • “HPAI could be intentionally or unintentionally spread to uninfected dairies and poultry
5 producers if the locations of quarantined dairies are released to the public,” and that
- 6 • “maintaining the confidentiality of dairies infected with HPAI encourages producers to
7 cooperate with both state and federal agencies to contain HPAI. The cooperation of
8 potentially impacted producers and producing farming is greatly enhanced when their farm
9 location is kept confidential.” (Exhibit 24.)

10 65. On June 18, 2025, CRLA stated its disagreement with CDFA’s justifications and
11 inquired about the delayed release of the second batch of records. A true and correct copy of
12 CRLA’s June 18 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 25.

13 66. On July 1, 2025—after nearly two weeks without response—CRLA requested an
14 update and questioned why the lists of locations under quarantine had not yet been produced. A
15 true and correct copy of CRLA’s July 1 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 26.

16 67. On July 2, 2025, CDFA again forwarded CRLA’s emails to an agency attorney. A
17 true and correct copy of CDFA’s July 2 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 27. Later that
18 day, Lynette Komar—the first identifiable agency employee to respond to any of CRLA’s
19 correspondence—wrote: “CDFA immediately provides confidential transmission the location of
20 H5N1 Quarantined poultry and dairy facilities to CDPH and/or to Local Public Health.” A true and
21 correct copy of Ms. Komar’s July 2 correspondence on behalf of CDFA is attached hereto as Exhibit
22 28.

23 68. On July 10, 2025, CRLA responded to Ms. Komar, highlighting that her response
24 acknowledged CDFA maintains “consolidated lists of locations—and maps—of locations under
25 quarantine.” A true and correct copy of CRLA’s July 10 correspondence is attached hereto as
26 Exhibit 29.

27 69. CDFA never responded to CRLA’s July 10 correspondence.

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1 70. On July 18, 2025, CDFA released a second batch of 819 pages of records,
2 Bates_000215-001033 (“Production 2”). A true and correct copy of CDFA’s July 18
3 correspondence regarding Production 2 is attached hereto as Exhibit 30. Production 2 contained 88
4 notices served by CDFA on various dairies between August 26, 2024 and March 6, 2025, informing
5 them their animals and animal products had been placed under quarantine; movement restriction
6 instructions associated with all but two of those quarantine imposition orders; three packets of
7 movement restriction instructions not obviously associated with a quarantine imposition notice;
8 three amended quarantine imposition notices; and one epidemiological assessment associated with
9 a quarantine release from April 2025. A representative sample of the records contained in
10 Production 2, Bates_000382 through Bates_000392, is attached hereto as Exhibit 31. CDFA
11 redacted the dairy names and locations, and the names and signatures of some of the agency
12 employees, appearing in Production 2, (Exhibit 31), providing the same justifications it had with
13 respect to its redactions in Production 1. (Exhibit 30.)

14 71. On July 23, 2025, CDFA released a third batch of 801 pages of records,
15 Bates_001033-001833 (“Production 3”). A true and correct copy of CDFA’s July 23
16 correspondence regarding Production 3 is attached hereto as Exhibit 32. Production 3 contained
17 123 notices served by CDFA on various dairies between September 16, 2024 and March 5, 2025,
18 informing them that their animals and animal products had been placed under quarantine;
19 movement restriction instructions associated with all but 48 of those quarantine imposition orders;
20 one amended quarantine imposition notice; and five epidemiological assessments associated with
21 quarantine releases from March 2025. A representative sample of the records contained in
22 Production 3, Bates_001420 through Bates_001428, is attached hereto as Exhibit 33. CDFA
23 redacted the dairy names and locations, and the names and signatures of some of the agency
24 employees, appearing in Production 3, (Exhibit 33), providing the same justifications that it had
25 with respect to its redactions in Production 1 and Production 2. (Exhibit 32.)

26 72. On July 24, 2025, a second identifiable CDFA employee, Sherita McNair, advised
27 CRLA “there are additional records responsive to” the Request. A true and correct copy of Ms.
28 McNair’s July 24 correspondence on behalf of CDFA is attached hereto as Exhibit 34. That same

1 day, CRLA asked Ms. McNair to “please describe the nature and number of the additional records.”
2 A true and correct copy of CRLA’s July 24 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 35. That
3 same day, an unknown CDFA employee responded that the additional records would include
4 “around 300 one-page quarantine releases, similar to the records previously provided.” A true and
5 correct copy of CDFA’s July 24 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 36.

6 73. On August 20, 2025, CDFA released a fourth and final batch of 277 pages of records,
7 Bates_01833-02109 (“Production 4”), 6 months and 28 days after receiving the Request. A true and
8 correct copy of CDFA’s August 20 correspondence regarding Production 4 is attached hereto as
9 Exhibit 37. Production 4 contained 275 quarantine release notices issued by CDFA to dairies
10 between November 15, 2024 and March 6, 2025. A representative sample of the records contained
11 in Production 4, Bates_002005 through Bates_002013, is attached hereto as Exhibit 38. CDFA
12 redacted the dairy names and locations, and the names and signatures of some of the agency
13 employees, appearing in Production 4, (Exhibit 38), providing the same justifications it had with
14 respect to its redactions in Production 1, Production 2, and Production 3. (Exhibit 37.)

15 74. Despite CDFA’s March 28 and May 2 acknowledgements that CRLA sought “a list
16 or lists” of dairies under quarantine—and despite CDFA’s July 2 admission that it creates records
17 containing “the location of H5N1 Quarantined poultry and dairy facilities”—CDFA never produced
18 lists of dairy quarantine locations, or any similar records, and never provided any justification for
19 withholding such responsive records.

20 **CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Violations of the California Public Records Act**

22 **[Gov. Code, § 7923.000]**

23 75. Petitioner hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in each
24 paragraph above and below as though fully set forth herein, and further alleges:

25 76. CRLA is a member of the public, as defined by Government Code sections 7920.515
26 and 7920.520.

27 77. CDFA is a public agency, as defined by Government Code sections 7920.525 and
28 7920.540.

1 78. CDFA is obligated to comply with the California Public Records Act, found at
2 Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.

3 79. CDFA violated its obligations under the California Public Records Act.

4 80. On January 24, 2025, CRLA submitted a California Public Records Act request (the
5 “Request”) to CDFA, seeking “any publicly disclosable records maintained by CDFA relating to
6 dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu
7 cattle infections/exposures.”

8 81. CDFA acknowledged receipt of CRLA’s Request on January 24, 2025.

9 82. CDFA failed to advise CRLA within 10 days from receipt of the Request whether
10 the Request, “in whole or in part,” sought “copies of disclosable public records in possession” of
11 CDFA, in violation of Government Code section 7922.535, subdivision (a).

12 83. On February 26, 2025, CDFA issued a blanket denial of the Request. On March 12,
13 2025, CDFA reopened the Request, after CRLA pushed back on its reasons for denial. On February
14 24 and March 13, 2025, CRLA specified that it sought, at the core of its Request, “a list or lists of
15 the names and locations of California dairies under bird flu-related quarantine.” On March 17, 2025,
16 CRLA narrowed the Request to information about “dairies that are under active quarantine or that
17 have been released from quarantine in the last two months.”

18 84. On information and belief, CDFA maintains records containing lists of outbreak
19 codes for the sites it has placed under quarantine due to zoonotic disease outbreaks; corresponding
20 records containing lists mapping the outbreak codes to the names and addresses of specific dairies,
21 poultry, and other locations where CDFA has established quarantines, i.e., restrictions on the
22 movement and handling of animals and animal products; and records containing maps of sites under
23 quarantine throughout California. On July 2, 2025, CDFA admitted it “immediately” sends dairy
24 quarantine locations to “CDPH and/or to Local Public Health.”

25 85. On March 28 and May 2, 2025, CDFA acknowledged CRLA sought “copies of a list
26 or lists of the names and locations of California dairies that are under active quarantine or that have
27 been released from quarantine in the last two months.” And CRLA reminded CDFA it sought lists
28 of dairies under quarantine on April 2, July 1, and July 10, 2025. Yet, CDFA never provided CRLA

1 with a determination that it had decided to withhold the requested quarantine lists, in violation of
2 Government Code sections 7922.535, subdivision (a) and 7922.540, subdivision (a).

3 86. In failing to provide CRLA with a lawful determination and notification that it was
4 denying CRLA's request for quarantine lists, CDFA also failed to "set forth the names and titles or
5 positions of each person responsible for the denial," in violation of Government Code section
6 7922.540, subdivision (b).

7 87. In failing to respond to CRLA's various requests, arguments, and inquiries regarding
8 its Request over the course of many months, CDFA sought to "delay" and "obstruct" the release of
9 responsive records, in violation of Government Code section 7922.500.

10 88. By engaging in such intentionally obfuscatory conduct, CDFA also failed to assist
11 CRLA "to identify records and information that are responsive to the" Request or the "purpose" of
12 the Request, in violation of Government Code section 7922.600, subdivision (a)(1).

13 89. CDFA similarly failed to provide "suggestions for overcoming any practical basis
14 for denying access to the records or information sought" by the Request, in violation of Government
15 Code section 7922.600, subdivision (a)(3).

16 90. By delaying production of any records for months, ignoring communications from
17 CRLA related to CDFA's failure to produce specific responsive records, and never producing the
18 quarantine lists that CRLA sought, CDFA failed to make the requested records "promptly
19 available," in violation of Government Code section 7922.530, and failed to provide any
20 justification for not producing the quarantine lists, in violation of Government Code section
21 7922.000.

22 91. Further, even as it eventually identified and acknowledged the existence of some
23 responsive records, CDFA failed to provide CRLA with an "estimated date and time" for receipt of
24 responsive records within 10 days of receiving the Request, in violation of Government Code
25 section 7922.535, subdivision (a). On February 14 and March 24, 2025, CDFA explicitly refused
26 to provide CRLA with an "expected date of receipt" of any records in response to the Request.

27 92. On March 28, 2025, CDFA finally "confirmed that the Department has responsive,
28 disclosable records" related to the Request and provided an estimated date of receipt. Across May

1 22, July 18, July 23, and August 20, 2025, CDFA released 2,111 pages of records to CRLA (the
2 “Records”). The Records largely consist of dairy quarantine entry and release notices, dated
3 between August 26, 2024 and April 10, 2025. Although partially responsive to the Request, the
4 Records contain numerous impermissible redactions under the PRA.

5 93. The Records contain the names and signatures of agency officials responsible for
6 placing and removing dairies from quarantine. CDFA partially redacted these names and signatures,
7 claiming their release would “constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy” under Government
8 Code sections 7927.400 and 7927.700.

9 94. Government Code section 7927.400 states: “Nothing in [the PRA] requires the
10 disclosure of records that relate to electronically collected personal information, as defined
11 by Section 11015.5, that is received, collected, or compiled by a state agency.” Government Code
12 section 11015.5, in turn, relates only to information submitted to state agencies by a “user,” defined
13 as “an individual who communicates with a state agency or with an agency employee or official
14 electronically.” (Gov. Code, § 11015.5, subd. (d)(2).) As CDFA employees are not users within the
15 meaning of Government Code section 11015.5, Government Code section 7927.400 has no bearing
16 on whether their names and signatures may be disclosed within public records.

17 95. Government Code section 7927.700, meanwhile, states that the PRA “does not
18 require disclosure of personnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute
19 an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The names and signatures of agency employees are
20 not “personnel, medical, or similar files,” and thus Government Code section 7927.700 also
21 provides no justification for redacting such names and signatures contained within public records.

22 96. Because no provision of the PRA supports CDFA’s claim that disclosing the names
23 and signatures of agency employees responsible for issuing quarantine entry and release orders
24 would “constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy,” its redactions of such names and signatures
25 throughout the Records are impermissible.

26 97. CDFA also redacted the names and locations of all dairies contained in the Records,
27 claiming that, pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, “the public interest served by not
28 disclosing” dairy names and locations “clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure.”

1 98. Because CDFA was unable to show that these name and location redactions were
2 justified “under express provisions” of the PRA, it instead relied on the PRA’s catchall exemption,
3 which places a high burden on the agency to justify its withholding or redaction of presumptively
4 disclosable public records by showing that the “public interest served by not disclosing the record
5 clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.” (Gov. Code, § 7922.000.)

6 99. On June 11, 2025, CDFA offered two justifications for its decision to redact the
7 names and locations of dairies from the Records.

8 100. CDFA’s stated justifications for redactions do not satisfy the agency’s high burden
9 under the PRA’s catchall exemption, nor do they overcome the strong public policy of the State of
10 California in favor of disclosure of public records.

11 101. In so variously and repeatedly violating the California Public Records Act, as
12 explained herein, CDFA has demonstrated blatant disregard for the Legislature’s dictate that
13 “access to information concerning the conduct of the people’s business is a fundamental and
14 necessary right of every person in this state.” (Gov. Code, § 7921.000.)

15 102. CDFA has likewise flouted article I, section b, subdivision (3) of the California
16 Constitution, which reads: “The people have the right of access to information concerning the
17 conduct of the people’s business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of
18 public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny.”

19 103. At the time of the Request, and through the present, CRLA and other members of
20 the public—including legal services providers, advocacy organizations, public health researchers,
21 members of the media, and, not least of all, dairy workers themselves—have a strong interest in
22 understanding how H5N1 has impacted California dairies and, as such, in exercising their right to
23 examine CDFA’s quarantine lists, quarantine entry and release notices, and all other records
24 responsive to the Request, in their entirety and without delay.

25 104. Petitioner lacks any other plain, speedy, and adequate remedy at law to obtain the
26 records sought in the Request.

27 105. This Court should order Respondent to release all records responsive to Petitioner’s
28 Request.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for relief as follows:

1. That the Court grant this Petition for Writ of Mandate and order Respondent to immediately produce all records requested in Petitioner's public records request—attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and as clarified and narrowed via correspondence attached hereto as Exhibits 5, 9, and 11—including but not limited to unredacted copies of all lists, spreadsheets, notices, maps, and other documents in Respondent's possession identifying California dairy operations which were under H5N1-related quarantine as of, or which had been released from H5N1-related quarantine within two months of, March 17, 2025; or

2. Alternatively, if the Court does not order immediate production of the records as requested, that the Court order Respondent to show cause why such records should not be released, to prepare a log of withheld records, and thereafter to release the requested records; or

3. Alternatively, if the Court does not order disclosure and release of the records requested, that the Court conduct *in camera* review of all responsive records for which Petitioner may claim some exemption from disclosure, and thereafter order the same to be released.

4. That the Court grant declaratory relief by holding that Respondent violated the California Public Records Act in at least the following respects:

- Respondent failed to inform Petitioner within 10 days whether Petitioner's public records request "in whole or in part" sought "copies of disclosable public records" in Respondent's possession, in violation of Government Code section 7922.535, subdivision (a);
- Respondent failed to provide Petitioner with an "estimated date and time" for receipt of responsive records within 10 days of receiving Petitioner's public records request, in violation of Government Code section 7922.535, subdivision (a);
- Respondent failed to provide Petitioner with a determination that its public records request was denied with respect to certain records, and certain information within records, sought by Petitioner, in violation of Government Code section 7922.540, subdivision (a);
- Respondent failed to state the "names and titles or positions of each person responsible for" said denial, in violation of Government Code section 7922.540, subdivision (b);

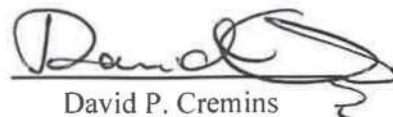
- Respondent failed to provide Petitioner with reasons for its decision to deny Petitioner's public records request, in violation of Government Code section 7922.535, subdivision (a);
- Respondent failed to provide any justification for not producing certain public records requested by Petitioner, in violation of Government Code section 7922.000;
- Respondent failed to assist Petitioner in identifying "records and information that [were] responsive to" Petitioner's public records request, in violation of Government Code section 7922.600, subdivision (a)(1);
- Respondent failed to provide Petitioner with "suggestions for overcoming any practical basis for denying access to the records or information sought" by Petitioner's public records request, in violation of Government Code section 7922.600, subdivision (a)(3);
- Respondent failed to make the public records requested by Petitioner "promptly available," in violation of Government Code section 7922.530;
- Respondent "delay[ed]" and "obstruct[ed]" Petitioner's ability to inspect and copy public records, in violation of Government Code section 7922.500;
- Respondent redacted the names and signatures of public officials contained in public records without proper justification, in violation of Government Code section 7922.000; and
- Respondent redacted the names and locations of dairies contained in public records without proper justification, in violation of Government Code section 7922.000.

5. That the Court grant an award of attorneys' fees and costs for Petitioner, pursuant to Government Code section 7923.115, subdivision (a) and/or Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5; and

6. For all other relief that the Court deems to be just and proper.

Dated: October 30, 2025

CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE, INC.


David P. Cremins
Attorney for Petitioner

VERIFICATION

I, Jessica Manriquez Jewell, am the President and CEO of California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. ("CRLA"), the Petitioner in this action.

I have read the foregoing Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Declaratory and Injunctive Relief under the California Public Records Act. I am informed and believe the matters stated therein to be true, and on that ground I allege that the matters stated therein are true. I have the authority to make this verification on behalf of CRLA.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 30, 2025 in Washington D.C.

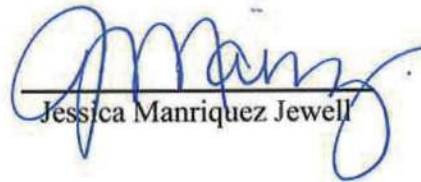

Jessica Manriquez Jewell

EXHIBIT 1

PRA Request - Dairy Quarantine List

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Date Fri 1/24/2025 3:19 PM

To CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good afternoon,

I would like to make a Public Records Act request for any publicly disclosable records maintained by CDFA relating to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures.

Thank you,

David Cremins

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EXHIBIT 2

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 1/24/2025 4:11 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins,

The California Department of Food and Agriculture Legal Department is in receipt of your Public Records Act request received via email on January 24, 2025. You requested the following:

- Records maintained by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) “relating to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures”.

Your request has been forwarded to the Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division for the collection of responsive records. When records are received, if any, the Legal Office will contact you with an estimated date for release. Additional time may be needed for attorney review and to make any necessary redactions.

The Department does not charge for electronic copies, but it does charge for direct costs of duplication for paper copies, packaging, and postage.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

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Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 3:20 PM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: PRA Request - Dairy Quarantine List

EXHIBIT 3

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Wed 2/12/2025 10:30 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

I would like to check on the status of this request, PID 15289.

Thank you,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 4:11 PM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins,

The California Department of Food and Agriculture Legal Department is in receipt of your Public Records Act request received via email on January 24, 2025. You requested the following:

- Records maintained by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) “relating to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures”.

Your request has been forwarded to the Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division for the collection of responsive records. When records are received, if any, the Legal Office will contact you with an estimated date for release. Additional time may be needed for attorney review and to make any necessary redactions.

The Department does not charge for electronic copies, but it does charge for direct costs of duplication for paper copies, packaging, and postage.

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EXHIBIT 4

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 2/14/2025 5:26 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

In response to your request for an update to your January 24, 2025, Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, please be advised that the Legal Office is currently awaiting responsive records from the Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division. There is not currently an estimated expected date of receipt. The Legal Office will send a follow-up request to Program for records.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to diligently process your request.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:30 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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Thank you,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney

EXHIBIT 5

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Mon 2/24/2025 10:06 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Thank you for confirming that your office is still working on responding to my PRA request, PID 15289. As the request was received on 1/24/25, an initial determination should have been provided "within 10 days," or by 2/3/25. (Cal. Gov. Code § 7922.535(a).) Recognizing the initial request was quite broad, I am happy to work with CDFA to narrow the scope of this request to ensure we can receive a response this week—I am seeking a list or lists of the names and locations of California dairies under bird flu-related quarantine to assist my organization in its advocacy for the legal rights and wellbeing of dairy workers.

Thank you,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
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To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins:

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Thank you for your patience as we continue to diligently process your request.

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EXHIBIT 6

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 2/26/2025 9:11 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

Review of your Public Records Act request is complete. You requested copies of records related to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections or exposures.

Pursuant to Government Code section 7923.600, records related to an open investigation are exempt from disclosure. The Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing records related to ongoing H5N1 cattle infection investigations clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. For this reason, all such records have been withheld pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000.

With this response I will close the file. Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 3:20 PM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: PRA Request - Dairy Quarantine List

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Good afternoon,

I would like to make a Public Records Act request for any publicly disclosable records maintained by CDFA relating to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures.

EXHIBIT 7

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Date Thu 3/6/2025 8:00 AM

To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

This is a request, for the reasons below, to reopen and reconsider my Public Records Act request, PID 15289.

Government Code section 7923.600 is inapposite.

CDFA's response to my request states that, "[p]ursuant to Government Code section 7923.600, records related to an open investigation are exempt from disclosure." California Government Code section 7923.600(a) permits documents to be withheld if they relate to the "procedures of, the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice, the Office of Emergency Services and any state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local agency for correctional, law enforcement, or licensing purposes." This limited exception within the PRA does not apply to the records requested.

Numerous cases make clear that Section 7923.600 does not apply to investigations by state agencies that are disconnected from criminal law enforcement. (See, e.g., Williams v. Superior Court, 5 Cal.4th 337, 356; Cal. ex rel. Div. of Industrial Safety v. Superior Court, 43 Cal.App.3d 778, 783-784.). The records requested do not relate to any investigation carried out for "correctional, law enforcement, or licensing purposes," and are therefore presumptively disclosable.

Balancing under Government Code section 7922.000 clearly favors disclosure.

CDFA's response to my request further states that the Department has made a "determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing records related to ongoing H5N1 cattle infection investigations clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. . . . pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000." Such a conclusory finding is likewise insufficient to justify non-disclosure. To rely on California Government Code section 7922.000, CDFA must "[demonstrate] . . . that on the facts of the particular case the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record" (emphasis added). And "[t]he burden of proof is on the proponent of nondisclosure to demonstrate a 'clear overbalance' on the side of confidentiality." (Bakersfield City School Dist. v. Superior Court, 118 Cal.App.4th 1041, 1045 (citation omitted).)

CDFA has not demonstrated—and will not be able to demonstrate—that the public interest in nondisclosure here is sufficient to overcome the PRA's "strong policy in favor of disclosure of public records." (*Id.*) There is substantial public interest in accessing records which relate to an ongoing [public health emergency](#), including the names and locations of dairies under quarantine where cows and/or workers are infected with a virus that has the potential to cause a pandemic.

Please promptly provide responsive records and/or alternate grounds for partial or complete nondisclosure.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing attention to this request,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:11 AM

To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins:

Review of your Public Records Act request is complete. You requested copies of records related to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections or exposures.

Pursuant to Government Code section 7923.600, records related to an open investigation are exempt from disclosure. The Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing records related to ongoing H5N1 cattle infection investigations clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. For this reason, all such records have been withheld pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000.

With this response I will close the file. Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 3:20 PM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: PRA Request - Dairy Quarantine List

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[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 3/12/2025 5:16 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture Legal Office is in receipt of your response related to PRA request 15289, received March 6, 2025. To assist staff in locating and retrieving the records you seek, please provide additional clarifying information.

Your request for copies of “any” records related to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections or exposures, is very broad. Please provide the “specific type” of record that you are seeking, relating to dairy operations currently or recently placed under quarantine by the state due to H5N1 bird flu cattle infections/exposures.

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EXHIBIT 9

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Thu 3/13/2025 8:00 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Thank you for your response and for reconsidering PID 15289. I am happy to work with CDFA to clarify and narrow my request. As also stated on February 24, I am seeking a list or lists of the names and locations of California dairies under bird flu-related quarantine. Ideally, such documents would also indicate the dates dairies have entered and been released from quarantine, and any data on the number of cows and/or people infected with H5N1. Let me know if I can provide any further clarifying information.

Respectfully,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 5:16 PM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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Thank you,

EXHIBIT 10

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 3/14/2025 12:46 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear Mr. Cremins,

Thank you for providing the clarifying information in your email below. To assist staff in locating and retrieving the records you seek, please provide additional clarifying information. Please specify the following:

1. Are you requesting records related to dairies under active quarantine or dairies that have been released from quarantine?
2. Is there a specific timeframe for the records you are seeking?

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2025 8:00 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 11

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Mon 3/17/2025 9:36 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Thank you for your response and for your office's efforts in gathering documents to respond to my request, PID 15289. At this point, I would like to narrow my request to all dairies that are under active quarantine or that have been released from quarantine in the last two months. And, as time is of the essence with this request, I would ask for rolling production of records as they are available, with priority given to production of records related to dairies in the counties of Tulare, Merced, San Bernardino, Kings, Stanislaus, Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin, Madera, and Riverside, in as close to that order as is feasible. I am open to other suggestions for how to best facilitate timely production of responsive documents. Please keep me updated this week, thank you.

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EXHIBIT 12

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Mon 3/24/2025 8:00 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Please let me know the anticipated timeline for production of documents in response to my pending request, PID 15289.

Thank you,

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 9:36 AM
To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 13

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Mon 3/24/2025 4:49 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear Mr. Cremins,

In response to your request for an update to your January 4, 2025, Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, please be advised that the Legal Office is currently awaiting confirmation of responsive records from the Animal Health and Food Safety Program. There is no expected date of receipt currently. Thank you for your patience as we continue to diligently process your request.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 8:00 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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Thank you,

EXHIBIT 14

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Tue 3/25/2025 11:18 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Thank you for your continued prompt responses regarding my PRA request, PID 15289. I would ask that you remind your colleagues in the Animal Health and Food and Safety Program of the Department's obligations under the PRA:

"Each agency, upon a request for a copy of records, *shall, within 10 days from receipt of the request*, determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records in the possession of the agency and shall promptly *notify the person making the request of the determination* and the reasons therefor. If the agency determines that the request seeks disclosable public records, *the agency shall also state the estimated date and time when the records will be made available.*" (Cal. Gov. Code § 7922.535(a) [emphasis added].)

My initial request was sent on January 24, 2025, more than two months ago, and I have not received an estimated date and time of receipt. After an initial denial, I sent a request to reopen and reconsider my request on March 6, 2025. Even if this constituted a new request, a decision and estimate should have been provided by March 16, 2025. I received a first request for clarification on March 12, 2025, which I read as a determination that there are disclosable public records, but still no estimated date and time for receipt.

California Government Code section 7922.535(b) provides a mechanism by which a "written notice from the head of the agency or a designee" can extend the date of determination by no "more than 14 days," (here, March 30, 2025), but no such notice was given.

It is still my hope to work with CDFA to fulfill my request, but I have been given little reason to believe the Department is diligently working on this matter. On March 17, 2025, I requested rolling disclosure of responsive documents. As an indication of good faith and intent to respond, please, by the end the week, evaluate this proposal and provide estimated date(s) and time(s) for production and/or provide responsive records related to, at least, the 9 California dairies that have been placed under quarantine in the last 30 days, [per USDA](#). Without receipt of such estimates and/or documents by March 28, 2025, please be advised that I will prepare to file in Sacramento County Superior Court to compel disclosure, pursuant to California Government Code sections 7923.000 *et seq.*

Thank you,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 4:48 PM

EXHIBIT 15

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 3/28/2025 3:41 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025.

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Due to the large volume of records anticipated to be received from Program, the Legal Office will release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed. Currently, the Legal Office anticipates being able to release the first batch of responsive records by April 30, 2025.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications.

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 11:18 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 16

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Wed 4/2/2025 8:00 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

Thank you for your latest response to my PRA request, PID 15289, confirming that CDFA is in possession of responsive, disclosable records and providing an estimate date of first release. I look forward to production by the end of the month and would request any release of records as feasible before then. I understand the full request may encompass voluminous records, but I hope the core of the request—a list or lists of dairies under active quarantine—can be fulfilled without much effort.

I would also like to advise, so the Department can plan accordingly, that I intend this to be a rolling request. That is, I also plan on requesting relevant records as the dairy quarantine situation changes in the coming weeks and months. As such, I would appreciate the opportunity to work with your team to keep disclosures of dairies under quarantine up-to-date, with as little burden possible on CDFA.

Please let me know if I can further clarify anything, best,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:41 PM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
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Due to the large volume of records anticipated to be received from Program, the Legal Office will release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed. Currently, the Legal Office anticipates

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[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 5/2/2025 10:31 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

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On April 2, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office anticipated to release the first batch of responsive records by April 30, 2025. Due to the large volume of records received from Program that are currently under review, and the additional records still anticipated to be received from program, the new estimated date to provide the first release of records is May 15, 2025. The Legal Office will release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with Program to fulfill your request. Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 8:00 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Fri 5/2/2025 12:02 PM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the update on my request, PID 15289. If any records are ready to be released before May 15, please produce them as promptly as possible, prioritizing records related to dairies still under quarantine, as opposed, e.g., to those under quarantine when this request was made. As soon as possible, please also provide estimated dates of release for subsequent batches of records, along with a description of the documents expected to be included in those releases. With this information, it may be possible to narrow my request and save the Department and the Legal Office time and effort.

Thank you,

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Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 10:31 AM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Mon 5/19/2025 12:09 PM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good afternoon,

Please provide updates on the status of my request, PID 15289, per my email below and since the estimated date of release of May 15 has passed.

Thank you,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney
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Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 10:31 AM

EXHIBIT 20

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Thu 5/22/2025 11:01 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025. On May 2, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office anticipated to release the first batch of responsive records by May 15, 2025. Below please find a link to a PDF file of responsive records to your request, Bates-numbered 0001-0214.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/1ed73d8e871bbdd9>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

This is the first release of records, the second release is anticipated to be provided by June 15th, 2025, and will consist of an estimate of over 800 records. The Legal Office will continue to release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed.

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EXHIBIT 21

State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

TU20241208.9Q

1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: [REDACTED] NPIN: [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*, you are required to:

☒ **Hold** the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____
If movement is required contact sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected California Dairies. ☒

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B (December Revised): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____.

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuing of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: Natalie Ward Title: VMD Date: 12/8/2024 Time: 1700
Notice served by: [REDACTED] Title: AHT Date: 12-13-2024 Time: 1:48 pm
Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title: OWNER Date: 12/13/2024 Time: 1:48 pm

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ **YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____**

Original to HQ Office

Copy to Owner

76-194 (Est. 01/22) 0057

Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises

Quarantined commercial dairy premises will be required to adhere to the following restrictions and conditions:

- Activation of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) approved Enhanced Biosecurity Plan with initial verification audit.
- Biosecurity training provided to employees of the commercial premises
 1. Maintain records of employees trained to include: Name and date of training
- Isolate cows with clinical signs immediately to a hospital pen.
 1. Hospital milk must be heat treated to pasteurization standards of 161°F for a minimum of 15 seconds or 145°F for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to disposal
 2. Hospital Milk needs to be diverted from human food supply and disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements.
- Conduct bulk tank and hospital milk sampling at a frequency specified by the IMT. Samples must represent all cattle in milking string within a 24-hour period. Collect a minimum of 5-7 mls of milk in screw cap vial. Hospital milk sample must be collected in a separate collection vial than the bulk tank sample(s).
- Cattle Movements:
 1. **Cattle are subject to the hold order on the quarantine and cannot move off the premises including:**
 - **Lactating Cattle:** including cull cattle, with clinical signs-are not to be moved off premises.
 - **No cattle may be moved to a salesyard without a valid permit issued by the IMT.**
 2. **Movement may occur under the following conditions:**
 - **Non-clinical dry cull cattle:** can move directly from farm to slaughter plant establishment without a permit. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 3, section 830 (a)(11) "directly" means moved in a means of conveyance, without stopping to unload while en route, except for stops of less than 24 hours to feed, water, or rest the animals being moved, and with no commingling of animals at such stops.
 - **Calves:** calves less than 7 days may move off an affected dairy to a specified calf ranch. The calf ranch receiving calves from affected dairy must follow Attachment C: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Calf Ranch Premises.
 3. Special cases may be considered by requesting a movement permit at sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov

4. Conduct daily Active Observational Surveillance for any cattle moved off the dairy for 30 days.
- Movement of Milk: Bulk tank milk from non-clinical cattle can be moved to milk handler following biosecurity practices to minimize risk of disease spread.
 - Carcass disposal will follow standard disposal methods and at the discretion of the quarantined premises, pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations regarding carcass disposal. If rendering is used, notify CDFA / USDAAPHIS Incident Management Team (IMT) and request to be the final pickup of the route, to minimize risk of disease spread.
 - Maintain records of all movements on and off the dairy for duration of quarantine and make available to IMT upon request.
 - The IMT may revise these conditions at any time based on disease events and risk. Changes will be communicated in writing on a subsequent Amended Notice of Required Action and attachment.
 - Conditions for Release of these requirements will be communicated in writing from the IMT
 - For questions about this Notice or accompanying attachments contact the assigned IMT representative or the IMT at cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov

The requirements listed herein do not waive the standard requirements outlined in Food and Agricultural Code or the California Code of Regulations for the population animals described on the Notice of Required Action. Additionally, parties to this Notice must adhere to local requirements, if any.

Served to: _____

Date 12/13/24

Served by: _____

Date 12/13/24

Print Name

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**Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment B (December
Revise): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1**

All dairy premises are encouraged to develop and implement an Enhanced Biosecurity Plan. In the absence of a written plan, quarantined commercial dairy premises infected with H5N1 must adhere to the practices outlined below to prevent the spread of the H5N1 virus beyond the premises. A satisfactory audit must be completed as a requirement for the release of the quarantine.

Mandatory minimum requirements:

1. Signage

- Position signage prominently at the entry point of the biosecure area on the premises. In addition, signs must be posted at every human entry into and out of the milking parlor.
- The signage must state the following:
 - Biosecure Area
 - Proper use of footbath required before entry
 - Hand washing or hand sanitizing requirements
- Signs must be in English and Spanish

2. Footbaths

- The footbath does not need to feature a dip-type bath; it can instead utilize a mat or spray system. Set up the station on a concrete surface or a rubber mat that can be easily swept or rinsed to prevent dirt or mud from contaminating the footwear disinfection area.
- Carefully evaluate traffic patterns in and around the milking parlor, as well as areas where animals are fed or housed. Install footwear disinfection stations at all human entry and exit points to the milking parlor, near cattle feed storage areas (commodity barns), feeding areas (feed alleys), corrals, and cattle pathways or alleyways.
- Footwear disinfection stations must be properly maintained, as many disinfectants are rendered ineffective by sunlight, have a limited active lifespan once mixed, or lose efficacy when contaminated with manure, dirt, or mud.
- Use a disinfectant labeled for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) disinfectant from list provided by CDFA that can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/eprs/docs/HPAIDisinfectantProductsInfographic.pdf

3. Hand washing or hand sanitizing

- Before and after contact with cattle, milk, or related equipment.
- As an alternative wear clean disposable gloves and promptly remove and properly dispose of them after handling milk or cattle.



4. Vehicle tire disinfectant (Pump sprayer or pressure washer with disinfectant)

- Position disinfection stations in front of the milking parlor for the milk truck to clean and disinfect any areas that come in contact with milk as well as tires upon entry and exit.
- Promptly clean and disinfect any milk spillage from the milk tanker or bulk tank, as milk contains the highest levels of the virus.
- Minimize human and vehicle cross-traffic with the milk truck, or disinfect footwear, vehicle tires, and equipment when such interaction is unavoidable.
- Install disinfection stations at all main entrances to the premises where vehicles directly route or cross paths with any equipment accessing cattle feed storage areas, feed alleys, corrals, or cattle alleyways. Examples include feed delivery trucks, shared premises mixing trucks or push-up tractors, nutritionists, veterinarians, hoof trimmers, cattle transport trucks, calf haulers, deadstock haulers, manure haulers, and milk trucks.
- Use a disinfectant labeled for HPAI from list provided by CDFA.

***** Please note: The virus can survive on footwear, hands, and conveyances for several hours or days, making it easy to spread from one location to another. The above biosecurity practices are critical in minimizing and helping to prevent the spread of the virus. *****

For information on how to develop an enhanced biosecurity plan visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/pdfs/ca_dairy_farm_enhanced_biosecurity_plan_manual.pdf

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Served to: _____

Date 12/13/24

Served by: _____

Date 12/13/24

Print Name

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**Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment D:
Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected
California Dairies**

All classes of cattle on an infected premises (IP) are under a hold order per the state issued quarantine and must have a permit to move off the premises. The quarantine attachment B mandates required biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease off an IP.

All cattle being permitted to move off an IP must be free of clinical signs of H5N1 (HPAI). All movements must have the cattle transported **directly** to their destination. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 3, section 830 (a)(11) "**directly**" means: "moved in a means of conveyance, without stopping to unload while en route..."

Classes of cattle originating on an IP may be permitted for the following movements with destinations in California:

1. Calves:
 - a. Heifer calves and replacement breeding bull calves less than 7 days old may move to a specified, state quarantined calf ranch.
 - b. Bull calves may move to a specified, state quarantined calf ranch or be sold to bull calf buyers/dealers.
 - c. The quarantined calf ranch must adhere to attachment C that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease and observational surveillance of the calves.
 - d. **These movements are approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and do not need an additional movement permit from the IMT.**
2. Young Stock:
 - a. Dairy or beef feeder cattle aged 3 – 14 months may be permitted off an IP to move to any salesyard/market or feedlot in California. There are no quarantines required for the destination premises for this class of cattle.
 - b. Heifers moving to a heifer ranch and returning to dairy of origin may be permitted off an IP to move directly to and from a quarantined heifer ranch.
 - c. The quarantined heifer ranch must adhere to attachment H that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease and observational surveillance of the heifers.
 - d. **These movements require a permit from the IMT.**
3. Adult Cattle:
 - a. Lactating dairy cattle or close ups (due to calve within the next 30 days) may be permitted off an IP to move direct to slaughter due to an acute injury or chronic

- illness other than that due to H5N1. There are no additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
- b. Lactating beef breed cattle may be permitted off an IP to move direct to slaughter or may move to another pasture. There are no additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
 - c. Dry cull dairy cattle, defined as dry for a minimum of 10 days, may:
 - A. Move direct to slaughter establishment. This movement **is approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and does not need an additional movement permit from the IMT** nor additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
 - B. Be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined California salesyard/market or cattle broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - d. Dry cull beef breed cattle, defined as dry for a minimum of 4 days, may be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined California salesyard/market or cattle broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - e. Mature dairy bulls may be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined salesyard/market or broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - f. The quarantined salesyard/market or broker holding pen must adhere to attachment M that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease, requires that cattle from IP be kept separate from non-infected cattle, and requires cattle destined for slaughter must be green tagged.
 - g. **These movements, excluding dry cull dairy cattle moving direct to slaughter, require a permit from the IMT.**
4. All cattle may be permitted to move from one IP to another IP under specified biosecurity conditions that include cleaning and disinfecting of vehicles. The IMT will assess and verify a designated route to minimize exposure to other cattle and poultry premises before issuing the permit. **These movements require a permit from the IMT.**
 5. **Movement of cattle from a California IP to a destination outside of California may be permitted by the IMT contingent on meeting interstate requirements, Federal Order(s), and obtaining pre-approval from the receiving State Animal Health Official (SAHO).** Specific movement conditions will depend on, and be specified by, the receiving state's requirements.
 6. Movement permits must be requested from the IMT:
CDFA.SFS Permits@cdfa.ca.gov (See guidance document on how to obtain a permit.). In-state movement permits may take up to 72 hours for approval; out-of-state movement permits may take up to a week for approval.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed in this attachment may result in the IMT revoking the dairy premises' ability to move any cattle off the dairy. The IMT may revise these requirements at any time based on disease events and risk. Changes will be communicated in writing on a subsequent Amended Notice of Required Action and

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attachment. Conditions for release of these requirements will be communicated in writing from the IMT.

For questions about this Notice or accompanying attachments contact the assigned IMT representative or the IMT at cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov.

The requirements listed herein do not waive the standard requirements outlined in Food and Agricultural Code or the California Code of Regulations for the population of animals described on the Notice of Required Action. Additionally, parties to this Notice must adhere to local requirements, as applicable.

Served to: _____

Date 12/13/24

Served by: _____

Date 12/13/24

Print Name

*Signatures on Notice of Required Action acknowledges service and receipt of the Notice of Required Action and any referenced Attachments.

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Animal Health and Food Safety Services

ON20241216.2Q

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Sacramento, California 95814

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NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment. AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: [REDACTED]

NPIN: [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*, you are required to:

☒ **Hold** the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

If movement is required contact sfpermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be _____
must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected California Dairies

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than 5pm a.m. / p.m. on 12/16/2024

The method of isolation shall be no access to raw milk.
Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment,

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than 5pm a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.
Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuing of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: Andrea Garbaba, DVM Title Veterinarian Date: 12/16/2024 Time: 1030am

Notice served [REDACTED] Title Veterinarian Date: 12-16-24 Time: 2:15pm

Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title DVM Date: 12/16/24 Time: 2:15pm

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the **State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov** and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ **YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____**

Original to HQ Office

Copy to Owner

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RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

(Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*)

Owner: _____

Address _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 12/20/2024, Notice Number MO20241220.1Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment.

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____ Title Acting VIC Date: 4/10/2025 Time: 1614

Release served by: _____ Title Livestock Inspector Date: 04/10/2025 Time: 3:45PM

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

EXHIBIT 22

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Tue 6/3/2025 8:00 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

I appreciate the first release of documents in response to my request, PID 15289, and I look forward to receiving more records soon. In the meantime, I hope your office can clarify the public interest factors it considered in justifying the name and location redactions, in light of the high bar set by Government Code section 7922.000. On March 6, I laid out a brief argument on this question in response to my request initially being denied on February 26 under the same PRA exception. We are still considering taking this matter to court but remain open to working with the Department, so that CRLA and other organizations can engage in timely and targeted outreach to at-risk dairy workers and communities.

Thank you for your ongoing and prompt attention,

David Cremins (he/him) | Staff Attorney

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:01 AM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins:

The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025. On May 2, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office anticipated to release the first batch of responsive records by May 15, 2025. Below please find a link to a PDF file of responsive records to your request, Bates-numbered 0001-0214.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/1ed73d8e871bbdd9>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing

EXHIBIT 23

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 6/4/2025 3:43 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear Mr. Cremins,

The Legal Office is in receipt of your email below in response to the email providing the first release of responsive records to PRA, PID 15289 on May 22, 2025. Your email has been forwarded to an Attorney here in the Legal Office. The Legal Office will provide a response as soon as possible.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

Thank you,

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:00 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 24

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 6/11/2025 2:39 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins,

You requested clarification of the public interest factors CDFA considered when it decided to redact the names and locations of quarantined dairies from the first batch of records it provided to you. Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations, including names and locations of quarantined dairies, have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department determined, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. The public interest is served by not disclosing the names or locations of dairies that are under active HPAI quarantine because there are biosecurity risks with releasing the locations to the public. HPAI could be intentionally or unintentionally spread to uninfected dairies and poultry producers if the locations of quarantined dairies are released to the public.

Additionally, the public interest is served by not disclosing the names or locations of dairies that are under active quarantine, or that have been released from quarantine, because maintaining the confidentiality of dairies infected with HPAI encourages producers to cooperate with both state and federal agencies to contain HPAI. The cooperation of potentially impacted producers and producing farming is greatly enhanced when their farm location is kept confidential. Their cooperation protects people, animals, and the food supply. As long as active HPAI virus is detected in the State of California, there is an ongoing emergency and investigation.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 8:00 AM

EXHIBIT 25

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Wed 6/18/2025 8:00 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

I would like to check the status of the second batch of records in response to my PRA request, PID 15289, which were expected to be released by June 15, 2025. And I appreciate receiving the Department's justifications for the redactions. While we do not agree that these factors are sufficient to overcome the strong public policy of the PRA and the Sunshine Provision of the California Constitution in favor of public disclosure of government records, it is helpful to understand CDFA's position.

Before taking this matter to court, we would like to see if CDFA is open to discussing a compromise that would aid worker and public health efforts, without disclosing specific quarantine locations. We propose CDFA do the following as part of its response to HPAI outbreaks and investigations:

- Provide the California Department of Public Health, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and other relevant state and local agencies with up-to-date information about dairies, poultrys, and other worksites under quarantine, including names and locations;
- Maintain an up-to-date public webpage displaying county-level data on the number of dairies, poultrys, and other worksites under quarantine, along with the number of animals infected or killed by HPAI and containment efforts, similar to such data already published by CDC and USDA for poultrys (<https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/data-map-commercial.html>); and
- Ensure—in collaboration with non-governmental organizations as necessary—that all workers at worksites under HPAI quarantine are advised of their relevant legal rights, including, e.g., to take paid sick leave and file anonymous Cal/OSHA complaints for alleged violations of 8 CCR 5199.1.

Please let me know if CDFA would like to discuss these or other ideas further and thank you in advance for your continued prompt production of responsive documents to this request,

David Cremins he/him | Staff Attorney

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 2:38 PM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

EXHIBIT 26

Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Date Tue 7/1/2025 8:00 AM

To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning,

I would like an update on the status of production of the second batch of records in response to my PRA request, PID 15289, which were slated to be released over two weeks ago. In addition, I would like to bring another concern to your attention regarding the accuracy and timeliness of CDFA's handling of this request: On June 26, 2025, Anja Raudabaugh, CEO of Western United Dairies, and Dr. Michael Payne, Director of the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program, gave a public presentation to California's Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board about bird flu. During the presentation, Ms. Raudabaugh referenced lists of sites under quarantine that CDFA has apparently updated weekly and shared with certain external parties, throughout this year and last, as part of its H5N1 containment efforts. Dr. Payne also showed the Board a map, dated 1/29/2025 and labeled "HPAI Surveillance Zone Updates", displaying locations throughout the state labeled Released, Infected, Uninfected, and Untested. I requested consolidated lists exactly of the nature Ms. Raudabaugh described on both February 24, 2025 and March 13, 2025. And the Dr. Payne's map—presumably created based on those lists—is dated 5 days after my initial request was made on January 24, 2025.

I believe such responsive documents could have been identified and produced without reviewing a "large volume of records," as your office stated was necessary on March 28, 2025. And, despite CDFA acknowledging that I requested "a list or lists of the names and locations of California dairies that are under active quarantine or that have been released from quarantine in the last two months" on both March 28, 2025 and May 2, 2025, no such lists—even in redacted form—have been produced to date.

Finally, if indeed CDFA has shared such lists with certain private citizens—i.e., dairy industry representatives—but not others—i.e., dairy worker advocates—it may have already waived any argument for exemption from disclosure under the PRA. (See Cal. Gov. Code § 7921.505; *Ardon v. City of Los Angeles*, 62 Cal. 4th 1176, 1182–84 (2016).) Accordingly, please produce the lists described.

Thank you,

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[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 7/2/2025 10:57 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Good morning, Mr. Cremins:

The Legal Office is in receipt of your July 1, 2025 email (below) related to Public Records Act Request PID 15289. This email has been forwarded for attorney review and response. The Legal Office can confirm that responsive records have been received from Program, and are currently under review.

Thank you,

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 8:00 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 28

[EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From Komar, Lynette@CDFA <Lynette.Komar@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 7/2/2025 1:04 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Cc CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>; Bell, Wynnie@CDFA <Wynnie.Bell@cdfa.ca.gov>

You don't often get email from lynette.komar@cdfa.ca.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon, Mr. Cremins:

Your emails below were forwarded to me.

To respond to your question about maps shared by Western United Dairies and the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program during a presentation, CDFA has not shared locations and maps with external parties. Those organizations may have gotten the information directly from producers. If you provide the referenced maps, CDFA would be able to look into the source.

To respond to your questions in your email dated June 17, below are CDFA's responses in italics:

- Provide the California Department of Public Health, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and other relevant state and local agencies with up-to-date information about dairies, poultries, and other worksites under quarantine, including names and locations
 - *Response: CDFA immediately provides via confidential transmission the location of H5N1 Quarantined poultry and dairy facilities to CDPH and/or to Local Public Health so that they can provide employees with PPE and monitor potentially exposed employees. They understand that the information is confidential and have maintained it as such as far as CDFA is aware.*
- Maintain an up-to-date public webpage displaying county-level data on the number of dairies, poultries, and other worksites under quarantine, along with the number of animals infected or killed by HPAI and containment efforts, similar to such data already published by CDC and USDA for poultries (<https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/data-map-commercial.html>);
 - *Response: CDFA provides the link to USDA's site on our website but in reviewing, agree that especially for livestock, the CDFA webpage could be improved. Following the USDA standard, CDFA have not released dairy cases by county, but may be able to improve our regional reporting. CDFA will work on improving this website and appreciate your input.*
- Ensure—in collaboration with non-governmental organizations as necessary—that all workers at worksites under HPAI quarantine are advised of their relevant legal rights, including, e.g., to take paid sick leave and file anonymous Cal/OSHA complaints for alleged violations of 8 CCR 5199.1.
 - *Response: CDFA has been working closely with sister agencies to ensure this information is relayed and will continue to do so.*

Best,

Lynette Komar
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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 8:00 AM
To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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EXHIBIT 29

Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Date Thu 7/10/2025 11:02 AM

To Komar, Lynette@CDFA <Lynette.Komar@cdfa.ca.gov>

Cc CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>; Bell, Wynnie@CDFA <Wynnie.Bell@cdfa.ca.gov>

 1 attachment (435 KB)

2025.06.26_CDFAxCDQAP.Map.HPAI.Stats.png;

Good morning, Ms. Komar,

Thank you for your responses to my June 17 and July 1 emails, regarding PID 15289. Taken in turn:

Inter-Agency Collaboration

We are glad CDFA has shared data with CDPH, though we have heard conflicting reports about the level of transparency with local health departments. Your response affirms our understanding, however, that CDFA has not shared quarantine locations with Cal/OSHA, the agency most directly tasked with protecting worker health, including from zoonotic ATDs. And we have records from at least one dairy inspection showing that this lack of inter-governmental collaboration helped create the exact kind of biosecurity risk CDFA claims to seek to avoid—inspectors entering a dairy for a pre-programmed inspection without knowing that the site was quarantined. This issue goes beyond the scope of our PRA request, of course, but we hope CDFA takes it seriously and adjusts course.

Public Data

We are happy to provide feedback on updates to CDFA's public reporting of HPAI and similar risks. While this will not satisfy our PRA request, it may aid the public in navigating future outbreaks.

Public Records

Your final response indicates that CDFA is uninterested in working directly with non-governmental actors, including my organization, which certainly reflects the difficulties we have had over the course of this nearly six-month-long PRA request. To that point, we are still waiting on an updated date of release of the "over 800 records" your office identified as disclosable on May 22, 2025.

Your response also implicitly acknowledges that CDFA *has* maintained consolidated lists of locations—and maps—of locations under quarantine, which would naturally be required to effectively respond to an ongoing crisis and share information with CDPH and other partners. If that is the case, then, there is no reason why those lists should not have been identified and released—even with redactions—soon after receiving this PRA request. The only records released so far were an unordered set of notices of entry and release from quarantine, mainly from December 2024.

Finally, I have attached the map presented by Dr. Payne to the Cal/OSHA Standards Board on June 26, 2025. The prominent "CDFA" logo at the top certainly suggests it was based on agency data.

Sincerely,

David Cremins he/him | Staff Attorney

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From: Komar, Lynette@CDFA <Lynette.Komar@cdfa.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 1:04 PM

To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Cc: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>; Bell, Wynnie@CDFA <Wynnie.Bell@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

You don't often get email from lynette.komar@cdfa.ca.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good afternoon, Mr. Cremis:

Your emails below were forwarded to me.

To respond to your question about maps shared by Western United Dairies and the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program during a presentation, CDFA has not shared locations and maps with external parties. Those organizations may have gotten the information directly from producers. If you provide the referenced maps, CDFA would be able to look into the source.

To respond to your questions in your email dated June 17, below are CDFA's responses in italics:

- Provide the California Department of Public Health, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA), and other relevant state and local agencies with up-to-date information about dairies, poultries, and other worksites under quarantine, including names and locations
 - *Response: CDFA immediately provides via confidential transmission the location of H5N1 Quarantined poultry and dairy facilities to CDPH and/or to Local Public Health so that they can provide employees with PPE and monitor potentially exposed employees. They understand that the information is confidential and have maintained it as such as far as CDFA is aware.*
- Maintain an up-to-date public webpage displaying county-level data on the number of dairies, poultries, and other worksites under quarantine, along with the number of animals infected or killed by HPAI and containment efforts, similar to such data already published by CDC and USDA for poultries (<https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/situation-summary/data-map-commercial.html>);
 - *Response: CDFA provides the link to USDA's site on our website but in reviewing, agree that especially for livestock, the CDFA webpage could be improved. Following the USDA standard, CDFA have not released dairy cases by county, but may be able to improve our regional reporting. CDFA will work on improving this website and appreciate your input.*
- Ensure—in collaboration with non-governmental organizations as necessary—that all workers at worksites under HPAI quarantine are advised of their relevant legal rights, including, e.g., to take paid sick leave and file anonymous Cal/OSHA complaints for alleged violations of 8 CCR 5199.1.
 - *Response: CDFA has been working closely with sister agencies to ensure this information is relayed and will continue to do so.*

Best,

Lynette Komar

Senior Attorney

California Department of Food and Agriculture

EXHIBIT 30

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Fri 7/18/2025 9:52 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025. On May 22, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office would release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed. Below please find a link to a PDF file of responsive records to your request, Bates-numbered 000215-001033_Second Release.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/c7db4a4cb38252ad>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

This is the Second release of records, the third and final release is anticipated to be provided by July 30th, 2025, and will consist of an estimate of over 700 records. The Legal Office will continue to release records in rolling releases as they are received and reviewed.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

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State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

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1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: _____ NPIN: _____

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*, you are required to:

☒ **Hold** the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

If movement is required contact sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 infected California Dairies.

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B (December Revised): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuing of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: _____ Title YMD Date: 1/1/2025 Time: 1700

Notice served by: _____ Title AHT Date: 1/9/25 Time: 0848

Notice received by: _____ Title Dwnef Date: 1/9/25 Time: 0850

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the **State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov** and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ **YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____**

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Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises

Quarantined commercial dairy premises will be required to adhere to the following restrictions and conditions:

- Activation of California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) approved Enhanced Biosecurity Plan with initial verification audit.
- Biosecurity training provided to employees of the commercial premises
 1. Maintain records of employees trained to include: Name and date of training
- Isolate cows with clinical signs immediately to a hospital pen.
 1. Hospital milk must be heat treated to pasteurization standards of 161°F for a minimum of 15 seconds or 145°F for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to disposal
 2. Hospital Milk needs to be diverted from human food supply and disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements.
- Conduct bulk tank and hospital milk sampling at a frequency specified by the IMT. Samples must represent all cattle in milking string within a 24-hour period. Collect a minimum of 5-7 mls of milk in screw cap vial. Hospital milk sample must be collected in a separate collection vial than the bulk tank sample(s).
- Cattle Movements:
 1. **Cattle are subject to the hold order on the quarantine and cannot move off the premises including:**
 - **Lactating Cattle:** including cull cattle, with clinical signs-are not to be moved off premises.
 - **No cattle may be moved to a salesyard without a valid permit issued by the IMT.**
 2. **Movement may occur under the following conditions:**
 - **Non-clinical dry cull cattle:** can move directly from farm to slaughter plant establishment without a permit. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 3, section 830 (a)(11) "directly" means moved in a means of conveyance, without stopping to unload while en route, except for stops of less than 24 hours to feed, water, or rest the animals being moved, and with no commingling of animals at such stops.
 - **Calves:** calves less than 7 days may move off an affected dairy to a specified calf ranch. The calf ranch receiving calves from affected dairy must follow Attachment C: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Calf Ranch Premises.
 3. Special cases may be considered by requesting a movement permit at sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov

4. Conduct daily Active Observational Surveillance for any cattle moved off the dairy for 30 days.
- Movement of Milk: Bulk tank milk from non-clinical cattle can be moved to milk handler following biosecurity practices to minimize risk of disease spread.
 - Carcass disposal will follow standard disposal methods and at the discretion of the quarantined premises, pursuant to applicable statutes and regulations regarding carcass disposal. If rendering is used, notify CDFA / USDA APHIS Incident Management Team (IMT) and request to be the final pickup of the route, to minimize risk of disease spread.
 - Maintain records of all movements on and off the dairy for duration of quarantine and make available to IMT upon request.
 - The IMT may revise these conditions at any time based on disease events and risk. Changes will be communicated in writing on a subsequent Amended Notice of Required Action and attachment.
 - Conditions for Release of these requirements will be communicated in writing from the IMT
 - For questions about this Notice or accompanying attachments contact the assigned IMT representative or the IMT at cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov

The requirements listed herein do not waive the standard requirements outlined in Food and Agricultural Code or the California Code of Regulations for the population animals described on the Notice of Required Action. Additionally, parties to this Notice must adhere to local requirements, if any.

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**Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment B (December
Revise): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1**

All dairy premises are encouraged to develop and implement an Enhanced Biosecurity Plan. In the absence of a written plan, quarantined commercial dairy premises infected with H5N1 must adhere to the practices outlined below to prevent the spread of the H5N1 virus beyond the premises. A satisfactory audit must be completed as a requirement for the release of the quarantine.

Mandatory minimum requirements:

1. Signage

- Position signage prominently at the entry point of the biosecure area on the premises. In addition, signs must be posted at every human entry into and out of the milking parlor.
- The signage must state the following:
 - Biosecure Area
 - Proper use of footbath required before entry
 - Hand washing or hand sanitizing requirements
- Signs must be in English and Spanish

2. Footbaths

- The footbath does not need to feature a dip-type bath; it can instead utilize a mat or spray system. Set up the station on a concrete surface or a rubber mat that can be easily swept or rinsed to prevent dirt or mud from contaminating the footwear disinfection area.
- Carefully evaluate traffic patterns in and around the milking parlor, as well as areas where animals are fed or housed. Install footwear disinfection stations at all human entry and exit points to the milking parlor, near cattle feed storage areas (commodity barns), feeding areas (feed alleys), corrals, and cattle pathways or alleyways.
- Footwear disinfection stations must be properly maintained, as many disinfectants are rendered ineffective by sunlight, have a limited active lifespan once mixed, or lose efficacy when contaminated with manure, dirt, or mud.
- Use a disinfectant labeled for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) disinfectant from list provided by CDFA that can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/Animal_Health/eprs/docs/HPAIDisinfectantProductsInfographic.pdf

3. Hand washing or hand sanitizing

- Before and after contact with cattle, milk, or related equipment.
- As an alternative wear clean disposable gloves and promptly remove and properly dispose of them after handling milk or cattle.



4. Vehicle tire disinfectant (Pump sprayer or pressure washer with disinfectant)

- Position disinfection stations in front of the milking parlor for the milk truck to clean and disinfect any areas that come in contact with milk as well as tires upon entry and exit.
- Promptly clean and disinfect any milk spillage from the milk tanker or bulk tank, as milk contains the highest levels of the virus.
- Minimize human and vehicle cross-traffic with the milk truck, or disinfect footwear, vehicle tires, and equipment when such interaction is unavoidable.
- Install disinfection stations at all main entrances to the premises where vehicles directly route or cross paths with any equipment accessing cattle feed storage areas, feed alleys, corrals, or cattle alleyways. Examples include feed delivery trucks, shared premises mixing trucks or push-up tractors, nutritionists, veterinarians, hoof trimmers, cattle transport trucks, calf haulers, deadstock haulers, manure haulers, and milk trucks.
- Use a disinfectant labeled for HPAI from list provided by CDFA.

***** Please note: The virus can survive on footwear, hands, and conveyances for several hours or days, making it easy to spread from one location to another. The above biosecurity practices are critical in minimizing and helping to prevent the spread of the virus. *****

For information on how to develop an enhanced biosecurity plan visit:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/pdfs/ca_dairy_farm_enhanced_biosecurity_plan_manual.pdf

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**Notice of Required Action (Pursuant to Quarantine) Attachment D:
Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected
California Dairies**

All classes of cattle on an infected premises (IP) are under a hold order per the state issued quarantine and must have a permit to move off the premises. The quarantine attachment B mandates required biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease off an IP.

All cattle being permitted to move off an IP must be free of clinical signs of H5N1 (HPAI). All movements must have the cattle transported **directly** to their destination. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 3, section 830 (a)(11) "**directly**" means: "moved in a means of conveyance, without stopping to unload while en route..."

Classes of cattle originating on an IP may be permitted for the following movements with destinations in California:

1. Calves:

- a. Heifer calves and replacement breeding bull calves less than 7 days old may move to a specified, state quarantined calf ranch.
- b. Bull calves may move to a specified, state quarantined calf ranch or be sold to bull calf buyers/dealers.
- c. The quarantined calf ranch must adhere to attachment C that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease and observational surveillance of the calves.
- d. **These movements are approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and do not need an additional movement permit from the IMT.**

2. Young Stock:

- a. Dairy or beef feeder cattle aged 3 – 14 months may be permitted off an IP to move to any salesyard/market or feedlot in California. There are no quarantines required for the destination premises for this class of cattle.
- b. Heifers moving to a heifer ranch and returning to dairy of origin may be permitted off an IP to move directly to and from a quarantined heifer ranch.
- c. The quarantined heifer ranch must adhere to attachment H that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease and observational surveillance of the heifers.
- d. **These movements require a permit from the IMT.**

3. Adult Cattle:

- a. Lactating dairy cattle or close ups (due to calve within the next 30 days) may be permitted off an IP to move direct to slaughter due to an acute injury or chronic

- illness other than that due to H5N1. There are no additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
- b. Lactating beef breed cattle may be permitted off an IP to move direct to slaughter or may move to another pasture. There are no additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
 - c. Dry cull dairy cattle, defined as dry for a minimum of 10 days, may:
 - A. Move direct to slaughter establishment. This movement **is approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and does not need an additional movement permit from the IMT** nor additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
 - B. Be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined California salesyard/market or cattle broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - d. Dry cull beef breed cattle, defined as dry for a minimum of 4 days, may be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined California salesyard/market or cattle broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - e. Mature dairy bulls may be permitted off an IP to move to a quarantined salesyard/market or broker holding pen for a slaughter only sale.
 - f. The quarantined salesyard/market or broker holding pen must adhere to attachment M that mandates biosecurity measures that must be implemented to prevent spread of disease, requires that cattle from IP be kept separate from non-infected cattle, and requires cattle destined for slaughter must be green tagged.
 - g. **These movements, excluding dry cull dairy cattle moving direct to slaughter, require a permit from the IMT.**
4. All cattle may be permitted to move from one IP to another IP under specified biosecurity conditions that include cleaning and disinfecting of vehicles. The IMT will assess and verify a designated route to minimize exposure to other cattle and poultry premises before issuing the permit. **These movements require a permit from the IMT.**
 5. **Movement of cattle from a California IP to a destination outside of California may be permitted by the IMT contingent on meeting interstate requirements, Federal Order(s), and obtaining pre-approval from the receiving State Animal Health Official (SAHO).** Specific movement conditions will depend on, and be specified by, the receiving state's requirements.
 6. Movement permits must be requested from the IMT:
CDFA.SFS Permits@cdfa.ca.gov (See guidance document on how to obtain a permit.). In-state movement permits may take up to 72 hours for approval; out-of-state movement permits may take up to a week for approval.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed in this attachment may result in the IMT revoking the dairy premises' ability to move any cattle off the dairy. The IMT may revise these requirements at any time based on disease events and risk. Changes will be communicated in writing on a subsequent Amended Notice of Required Action and

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- d. **These movements are approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and do not need an additional movement permit from the IMT.**

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 - A. Move direct to slaughter establishment. This movement **is approved for continuous permitted movement under attachment A and does not need an additional movement permit from the IMT** nor additional quarantine requirements for the destination of these movements.
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 - g. **These movements, excluding dry cull dairy cattle moving direct to slaughter, require a permit from the IMT.**
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EXHIBIT 32

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 7/23/2025 3:12 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

Review of your Public Records Act request is complete. The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025. On July 18th, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office anticipated the final release of records to be provided by July 30, 2025. Below, please find a link to a PDF file of responsive records to your request, Bates-Numbered 001033_001836_Final Release.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/b305f5adc9a6da87>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

The first release of responsive documents was emailed on May 22, 2025, with the second release of records emailed on July 18, 2025. This is the third and final release of responsive records to your PRA request, PID 15289.

With this response, I will close the file. Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

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Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment. AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: [REDACTED] NPIN: [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*, you are required to:

☒ Hold the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ Move the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

If movement is required contact sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected California Dairies. ☒

☐ Cease all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ Segregate the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ Isolate the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be _____ Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ Treat the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be _____ Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ Destroy and dispose of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m.

on _____. The method of destruction shall be _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuance of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: Joshua K. Knepper Title: CDFA VMD Date: 12/11/24 Time: 1:00

Notice served by: Lacided DeCosta Gomez Title: Care Manager Date: 12/16/24 Time: 11:47

Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title: Colowner Date: 12/16/24 Time: 11:47

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the **State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov** and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's: name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____

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State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

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NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment. AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: [REDACTED] NPIN: [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*, you are required to:

☒ **Hold** the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

If movement is required contact sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 infected California Dairies ☒

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be _____ Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be _____ Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuance of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: Joselyn Knepper Title: CDFA VMD Date: 12/11/24 Time: 17:00

Notice served by: Caridad DeCosta Gomez Title: Case Manager Date: 12/16/24 Time: 11:47

Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title: Co Owner Date: 12/16/24 Time: 11:47

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

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State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

0241115.1Q
Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment.

Location of animals: _____ NPIN: _____

Reason for Quarantine:

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Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

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Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 et seq., you are required to:

☒ **Hold** the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____ no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises.

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be _____

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____.

The method of destruction shall be _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

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Notice issued by: _____ Title Veterinarian Date: 11/15/24 Time: 12:30p
Notice served by: Letyana DaCosta Gomez Title Care Manager Date: 11/18/24 Time: 10:15am
Notice received by: _____ Title Manager/Veterinarian Date: 11/18/24 Time: 10:15 AM

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NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment.

Location of animals: _____ NPIN _____

Reason for Quarantine:

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☒ Hold the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ Move the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

_____ no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises.

☐ Cease all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ Segregate the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ Isolate the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be _____

☒ Treat the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be _____ must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises.

☐ Destroy and dispose of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m.

on _____. The method of destruction shall be _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

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Notice issued by: _____ Title Veterinarian Date: 11/15/24 Time: 12:30p
Notice served by: Tatyana DeCosta Gomez Title Case Manager Date: 11/18/24 Time: 10:21am
Notice received by: _____ Title Manager/Veterinarian Date: 11/18/24 Time: 10:20 AM

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Animal Health and Food Safety Services

1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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Location of animal: [REDACTED] NPIN [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

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☒ **Move** the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____

If movement is required contact sfspermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 infected California Dairies ☒

☐ **Cease** all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B (December Revised): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m.

on _____. The method of destruction shall be _____

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

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Notice issued by: Joshua Krogan Title: CDFA VMD Date: 12/10/24 Time: 0900
Notice served by: [REDACTED] Title: AHT Date: 12/12/24 Time: 9:35 AM
Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title: Co Owner Date: 12/12/24 Time: 9:35 AM

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California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

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1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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Location of animals: [REDACTED] NPIN [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

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☒ Move the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____
If movement is required contact stfpermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected California Dairies ☒

☐ Cease all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ Segregate the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ Isolate the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ Treat the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

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Notice issued by: Natalie Ward DM Title VMO Date: 12/7/2024 Time: 1000

Notice served by: Shirley Trotter Title AHT Date: 12/11/24 Time: 9:50 AM

Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title Dair Date: 12/11/24 Time: 9:52 AM

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

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State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

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1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: [REDACTED]

Address: 3180 Cottonwood Ave, San Jacinto Ca 92582.

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

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Location of animals: [REDACTED] NPIN [REDACTED]

Reason for Quarantine:

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The method of movement shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 Infected California Dairies.

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☐ **Segregate** the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ **Isolate** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

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☒ **Treat** the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B (December Revised): Required Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for Dairies with H5N1. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ **Destroy and dispose** of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____.

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuing of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: [REDACTED] Title **Veterinarian in Charge** Date: 12/27/2024 Time: 9:30am

Notice served by: [REDACTED] Title **Livestock Inspect.** Date: 12/27/24 Time: 10:40am

Notice received by: [REDACTED] Title **Manager** Date: 12/27/24 Time: 10:40am

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's: name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ **YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____**

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Epidemiological Assessment: California [REDACTED] Quarantine Release

The purpose of this document is to outline the activities at the domestic livestock premises [REDACTED] under consideration for release. A summary of the pertinent events and dates are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of events and dates for [REDACTED] domestic livestock premises*

<i>Quarantine delivered</i>	12/27/2024
<i>Date of presumptive positive</i>	12/23/2024
<i>1st Quarantine release test negative (CT > 40/not detected)</i>	03/04/2025
<i>2nd Quarantine release test negative (CT > 40/not detected)</i>	03/10/2025
<i>3rd Quarantine release test negative (CT > 40/not detected)</i>	03/17/2025
<i>Quarantine released</i>	03/27/2025

*Based upon EMRS Data, verified on 03/27/2025 . Data are subject to change.

***Quarantine is eligible for release following receipt of the 3rd week of negative test results.

Final Recommendation

Based on the completion of an enhanced biosecurity assessment on 01/03/2025 and negative quarantine testing conducted during 03/04/2025 through 03/17/2025 there is sufficient epidemiological evidence to release the [REDACTED] quarantine.

Amanda Murray Date: 03/27/2025

California State Incident Commander

State of California
California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

1220 N Street
Sacramento, California 95814

202411.9Q
Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

NOTICE OF REQUIRED ACTION PURSUANT TO QUARANTINE

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the State Veterinarian has imposed a Quarantine pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 on the following population of animals or animal product:

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including all milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment. AND all other livestock (swine, sheep, goats) and domesticated poultry (including chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peacocks, guinea fowl, pigeons, grouse, pheasants, and quail) and poultry products (including eggs).

Location of animals: _____ NPIN: _____

Reason for Quarantine:

☒ This Quarantine is imposed because the population of animals or animal product described above may be infected or infested, has been exposed to a condition that could transmit an illness that could kill or seriously damage other animals or humans, or may be at risk for such exposure.

Condition: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) / H5N1

☐ This Quarantine is imposed in the circumstances of natural disaster, whether occurring or imminent, or a declared emergency.

Required Action: Pursuant to Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 et seq., you are required to:

☒ Hold the population of animals or animal product described above on the premises where it is now located.

☒ Move the population of animals or animal product described above from the present location to _____
If movement is required contact sfpermits@cdfa.ca.gov or 909-247-8789 for a movement permit no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of movement shall be must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment A: Required Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. AND Attachment D: Requirements for Movement of Cattle from State Quarantined H5N1 infected California Dairies ☒

☐ Cease all efforts to cause the population of animals or animal product described above to enter the State of California.

☐ Segregate the population of animals or animal product described above from other animals or products no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of segregation shall be _____

☒ Isolate the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of isolation shall be Use biosecurity between cattle and all other species; physically separate, wash hands, dedicated clothing and footwear, separate feed and feeding equipment, no access to raw milk.

☒ Treat the population of animals or animal product described above no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The method of treatment shall be Must comply with the conditions set forth in the Quarantine Attachment B: Enhanced Biosecurity Practices for HPAI High Risk Commercial Dairy Premises. Report any deaths or signs of illness in other livestock or poultry to the sick call hotline at (866) 922-2473.

☐ Destroy and dispose of the population of animals or animal product described above. Destruction shall take place no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____.

The method of disposal after destruction shall be _____

and disposal shall be completed no later than _____ a.m. / p.m. on _____

The State Veterinarian may modify the action(s) required in this Notice. Failure to comply with this Notice of Required Action is a violation of Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.8 and will result in the Department of Food and Agriculture pursuing appropriate remedies, including but not limited to law enforcement involvement, and may interfere with your receiving indemnity payments to which you might be entitled. **This Quarantine remains in effect until it is officially released by CDFA through the issuing of a Release of Quarantine.**

Notice issued by: JOSHUA KLOPFER Title: CDFA VMO Date: 12/11/24 Time: 1700
Notice served by: _____ Title: AHT Date: 12/15/24 Time: 9:57 AM
Notice received by: _____ Title: OW Date: 12-16-24 Time: 9:57 AM

YOUR APPEAL RIGHTS

You may appeal the imposition of the Quarantine in an informal hearing process, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301.2 and 1301.3, by contacting the State Veterinarian at CDFA.AHFSS_Quarantine_Notice_Appeal@cdfa.ca.gov and requesting an informal hearing. The request must include the appellant's name, address, and phone number, as well as a copy of this Notice. **Unless the box below is checked, your request for a hearing must be received within 24 hours of service of this notice.**

☐ YOUR REQUEST FOR A HEARING MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN _____ A.M. / P.M. ON _____

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EXHIBIT 34

[EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Thu 7/24/2025 11:40 AM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins,

The Legal Office has been advised by Program that there are additional records responsive to your PRA request, PID 15289, beyond what has been previously provided, therefore the file has been reopened. The estimated date of Production of the remaining responsive records is September 30, 2025.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

Respectfully,

Sherita McNair
Legal Office | AGPA
California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Suite 315, Sacramento, CA 95814
(916.403.6881) | * sherita.mcnaair@cdfa.ca.gov

From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 3:12 PM

To: dcremins@crla.org

Subject: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins:

Review of your Public Records Act request is complete. The Legal Office of the California Department of Food and Agriculture has confirmed that the Department has responsive, disclosable records to your Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289, that you clarified on March 13, 2025. On July 18th, 2025, the Legal Office sent you an email informing you that our office anticipated the final release of records to be provided by July 30, 2025. Below, please find a link to a PDF file of responsive records to your request, Bates-Numbered 001033_001836_Final Release.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/b305f5adc9a6da87>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

EXHIBIT 35

Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Date Thu 7/24/2025 11:46 AM
To CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Good morning, Ms. McNair,

Thank you for the update on PID 15289. Could you please describe the nature and number of the additional records to be provided?

Best,

David Cremins he/him | Staff Attorney

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

✉ dcremins@crla.org

☎ (559) 441-8721 ext. 2432

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From: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 11:39 AM
To: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

Dear David Cremins,

The Legal Office has been advised by Program that there are additional records responsive to your PRA request, PID 15289, beyond what has been previously provided, therefore the file has been reopened. The estimated date of Production of the remaining responsive records is September 30, 2025.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov, and include PID 15289 on all communications

Respectfully,

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EXHIBIT 36

RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Thu 7/24/2025 1:03 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins:

The remaining records will include but are not limited to around 300 one-page quarantine releases, similar to the records previously provided to you by the Legal Office. The estimated date to provide the remaining responsive records is September 30, 2025. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with Program to fulfill your request.

Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov with any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications

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From: David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 11:46 AM

To: CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

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Good morning, Ms. McNair,

Thank you for the update on PID 15289. Could you please describe the nature and number of the additional records to be provided?

Best,

David Cremins he/him | Staff Attorney

EXHIBIT 37

[EXTERNAL] PID 15289: David Cremins PRA - Dairy Quarantine Records

From CDFA Legal Office@CDFA <CDFA.LegalOffice@cdfa.ca.gov>

Date Wed 8/20/2025 3:43 PM

To David Cremins <dcremins@crla.org>

Dear David Cremins,

Review of your clarified Public Records Act request is complete. The Animal Health and Food Safety Services Division has provided the Legal Office with all remaining outstanding records responsive to your attached Public Records Act (PRA) request, PID 15289. There are a total of 2,109 pages of responsive records to your request. The Legal Office has been produced records in rolling releases. The first release of responsive documents was emailed to you on May 22, 2025, Bates_Numbered-0001-0215, second release of records emailed on July 18, 2025, Bates_Numbered-00215-001033, with a release on July 23, 2025, Bates-Numbered_01033-01833. Below, please find a link to a PDF file of the final release of responsive records to your clarified PRA request, Bates Numbered_01833-02109.

<https://cdfa.files.com/f/27f6b0595b43d5e4>

Specific information related to HPAI outbreaks and investigations (including but not limited to the names and contact information of staff, locations of outbreaks, and outbreak location codes) have been redacted pursuant to Government Code section 7922.000, as the Department has made a determination, based on the facts of this particular case, that the public interest served by not disclosing this information clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure. Personal identifying information (personal signatures) has been redacted in accordance with Government Code section 7927.400, and Government Code section 7927.700, as disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

This is the final release of responsive records to your PRA request, PID 15289. With this response, I will close the file. Please contact the Legal Office at cdfa.legaloffice@cdfa.ca.gov if you have any questions and include PID 15289 on all communications regarding this request.

Thank you,

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California Department of Food and Agriculture
Animal Health and Food Safety Services

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Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone: (916) 900-5002
Facsimile: (916) 900-5333

RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

(Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*)

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/16/2024, Notice Number 20241115.25Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.03.06 15:44:42 -08'00'

Release served by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.03.06 15:45:00 -08'00'

Release received by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/16/2024, Notice Number 20241115.27Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.07 14:58:48 -08'00'

Release served by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.07 14:59:07 -08'00'

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/16/2024, Notice Number 20241116.1Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

NPIN: _____

Release issued by: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.06 12:28:24 -08'00'

Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release served by: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.06 12:28:43 -08'00'

Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release received by: _____

Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/18/2024, Notice Number 20241116.2Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____
Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.14 10:53:59 -08'00'

Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release served by: _____
Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.14 10:54:22 -08'00'

Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release received by: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/18/2024, Notice Number 20241116.4Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____ Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.01.24 07:26:09 -08'00' Title CDFA VMO Date: 1/24/2025 Time: 0730

Release served by: RACHEL KANEFSKY Digitally signed by RACHEL
KANEFSKY
Date: 2025.01.24 09:39:33 -06'00' Title RRC VMO Date: 1/24/2025 Time: 0730

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/18/2024, Notice Number 20241116.5Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.14 10:58:31 -08'00'

Release served by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.14 10:58:52 -08'00'

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

(Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*)

Owner: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/16/2024, Notice Number 20241116.7Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: [Redacted]

Release issued by: Jenny Brinson Digitally signed by Jenny Brinson
Date: 2025.03.06 21:00:05 -08'00' Title Veterinarian Date: _____ Time: _____

Release served by: Jenny Brinson Digitally signed by Jenny Brinson
Date: 2025.03.06 21:00:20 -08'00' Title Veterinarian Date: _____ Time: _____

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

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Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/18/24, Notice Number 20241116.8Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____

Release issued by: Elizabeth Cox Digitally signed by Elizabeth Cox
Date: 2025.03.01 14:51:20 -08'00' Title Veterinarian Date: _____ Time: _____

Release served by: Elizabeth Cox Digitally signed by Elizabeth Cox
Date: 2025.03.01 14:51:38 -08'00' Title Veterinarian Date: _____ Time: _____

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.

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RELEASE OF QUARANTINE

(Food and Agricultural Code, Section 9562 and Title 3, California Code of Regulations, Section 1301 *et seq.*)

Owner: _____

Address: _____

You are hereby notified that the population of animals or animal product described below that were placed under Quarantine on 11/19/2024, Notice Number 20241116.9Q is released from Quarantine.
(Date)

Description of Population of Animals or Animal Product: All cattle, cattle products (including milk, carcasses, manure, feed) and cattle equipment

Present Location: _____ NPIN: _____

Release issued by: _____
Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.19 09:43:23 -08'00' Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release served by: _____
Digitally signed by Natalie Ward
Date: 2025.02.19 09:43:40 -08'00' Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Release received by: _____ Title _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Note: Other populations of animals or animal product not described above that are subject to the Quarantine remain subject to the Quarantine until you receive written notice releasing them from Quarantine.