

**County of Santa Clara**  
**Department of Environmental Health**  
**Consumer Protection Division**

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**OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT**

<b>Facility</b> FA0251490 - LA SOLEDAD RESTAURANTE		<b>Site Address</b> 17865 MONTEREY RD F, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037		<b>Inspection Date</b> 03/13/2026	
<b>Program</b> PR0365485 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			<b>Owner Name</b> LEOPOLD RENE SANTOS		<b>Inspection Time</b> 10:45 - 12:45
<b>Inspected By</b> GINA STIEHR		<b>Inspection Type</b> ROUTINE INSPECTION		<b>Consent By</b> AYDE CORTEZ	
<b>FSC Not Available</b>					

<b>Placard Color &amp; Score</b>
<b>GREEN</b>
<b>89</b>

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS	IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
		Major	Minor				
K01 Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification			X				
K02 Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
K03 No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04 Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05 Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						
K06 Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						S
K07 Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X		X			N
K08 Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09 Proper cooling methods	X						
K10 Proper cooking time & temperatures					X		
K11 Proper reheating procedures for hot holding					X		
K12 Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13 Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14 Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized	X						S
K15 Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16 Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17 Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18 Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19 Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20 Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21 Hot and cold water available	X						
K22 Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23 No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES	OUT	COS
K24 Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25 Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26 Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27 Food separated and protected		
K28 Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29 Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30 Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31 Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32 Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33 Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34 Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35 Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36 Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37 Vending machines		
K38 Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39 Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40 Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41 Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42 Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43 Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44 Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45 Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46 No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47 Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

## Comments and Observations

### Major Violations

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

**Inspector Observations:** *Observed potentially hazardous foods that measured in the temperature danger zone located in the food prep cold hold (sliced tomatoes 52F, pico de gallo 51F, beans 48F). Per staff, the PHFs have been in the unit since 9:30am. [CA] Ensure PHFs are properly cold held at 41F or below OR hot held at 135F or above. Repair, adjust or replace unit if necessary. [SA] Staff will discard PHFs in the unit at 1:30pm and use TPHC (time control) as a suitable alternative until the unit can be fixed or replaced.*

### Minor Violations

K01 - 3 Points - Inadequate demonstration of knowledge; food manager certification

**Inspector Observations:** *FSC not available during time of inspection. [CA] Food facilities that prepare, handle, or serve non-prepackaged potentially hazard foods shall have a valid Food Safety Certificate available for review at all times.*

### Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.

### Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
hot water	food prep sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked octopus	food prep surface	62.00 Fahrenheit	
rice	steam table	159.00 Fahrenheit	
tomatoes	food prep cold hold	52.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	3 comp warewash	100.00 PPM	
chicken	food prep surface	110.00 Fahrenheit	
cheese	food prep cold hold	48.00 Fahrenheit	
cooked nopales	food prep surface	114.00 Fahrenheit	
salsa (pico de gallo)	food prep cold hold	51.00 Fahrenheit	
garlic in oil	drawer cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
nopales	walk-in cooler	39.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	handwash	100.00 Fahrenheit	

### Overall Comments:

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **3/27/2026**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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**Legend:**

- [CA] Corrective Action
- [COS] Corrected on Site
- [N] Needs Improvement
- [NA] Not Applicable
- [NO] Not Observed
- [PBI] Performance-based Inspection
- [PHF] Potentially Hazardous Food
- [PIC] Person in Charge
- [PPM] Part per Million
- [S] Satisfactory
- [SA] Suitable Alternative
- [TPHC] Time as a Public Health Control



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**Received By:** Rene Santos  
Owner

**Signed On:** March 13, 2026