

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0207899 - BIRRIA EL VAQUERITO		Site Address 233 S WHITE RD J, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 03/26/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 87		
Program PR0307559 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP11			Owner Name RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ		Inspection Time 11:00 - 12:15			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By IRAI				FSC Rodrigo Rodriguez 9/18/2028

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				
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						S
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	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	X	
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	X	
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

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

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

Inspector Observations: A couple of the employees do not have active food handler cards.

[CA] Employee engaged in food preparation, storage, and service and who do not have food safety certificate must take food handler cards within a month of hire.

California approved Food Handler Card (FHC) class providers

All Directory Listing

(<https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/credentialing/certificate-issuers/AllDirectoryListing?prgID=228,238&statusID=4nsi.org>)

K06 - 3 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations: There was no soap supply on one of the front handwash stations.

[CA] Refill the wall-mounted soap dispenser immediately. Until the wall-mounted soap dispenser is refilled/fixed, employees MUST WASH THEIR HAND in the other handwash station located back in the kitchen area.

K23 - 3 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: Couple of drain flies were observed in the preparation area and some in the front dining area.

[CA] Eliminate all insects and rodents from the facility by a legal method.

K30 - 2 Points - Food storage containers are not identified; 114047, 114049, 114051, 114053, 114055, 114067(h), 114069 (b)

Inspector Observations: Multiple food products on boxes were stored directly on the floor or on milk crate back in the storage area.

[CA] To prevent insect hiding and breeding and for easy cleaning of the floor area, please store all food products at least six inches off the floor on an approved shelf or dunnage rack.

K34 - 2 Points - Warewashing facilities: not installed or maintained; no test strips; 114067(f,g), 114099, 114099.3, 114099.5, 114101(a), 114101.1, 114101.2, 114103, 114107, 114125

Inspector Observations: There is no approved quaternary ammonia sanitizer measuring strip to measure the concentration of the chemicals used to sanitize dishes and utensils in the facility.

[CA] Provide approved sanitizer measuring strips for the chemicals used in sanitizing utensils, equipment, and food contact surfaces.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

All responses to PBI questions were satisfactory.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Hot water	Three compartment sink	128.00 Fahrenheit	
Pork	Cooking	175.00 Fahrenheit	
Chicken	Upright fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef	Upright freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	
Birria	Steam table	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Rice	Steam table	136.00 Fahrenheit	
Shell eggs	Upright fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Undercounter preparation fridge	39.00 Fahrenheit	
Cheese	Upright fridge	40.00 Fahrenheit	
Beans	Steam table	136.00 Fahrenheit	

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Overall Comments:

Note: Food safety manager certificate: Rodrigo Rodriguez - 9/18/2028

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 **4/9/2026**. 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.

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

Received By: RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ
Owner

Signed On: March 26, 2026