

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0203155 - SINALOA CAFE		Site Address 17535 MONTEREY RD, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037		Inspection Date 12/29/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 84		
Program PR0300835 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14			Owner Name A & D RESTAURANT GROUP		Inspection Time 11:00 - 13:00			
Inspected By GINA STIEHR		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ELMER ORELLANA				FSC Felipe Reyes 04/17/2025

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				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				N
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		
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		X
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

K23 - 8 Points - Observed rodents, insects, birds, or animals; 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5

Inspector Observations: *Observed dead cockroaches in sticky traps in the bar area. [CA] Eliminate vermin from facility; work with licensed/professional pest control. Clean and sanitize area; set monitoring traps.*

Minor Violations

K07 - 3 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: *Observed potentially hazardous foods located in the left food prep cold hold unit that measured in the temperature danger zone (see measured observations). Ambient temperature reading was 46F. Staff stated that the PHFs were put into the unit 30 minutes prior. [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. [COS] PIC called repairman to fix and had staff relocate PHFs to the walk-in cooler.*

K14 - 3 Points - Food contact surfaces unclean and unsanitized; 113984(e), 114097, 114099.1, 114099.4, 114099.6, 114101, 114105, 114109, 114111, 114113, 114115(a,b,d), 114117, 14125(b), 114141

Inspector Observations: *Chlorine at bar warewash machine measured at 0ppm. [CA] Ensure chlorine in mechanical warewash machines measure at 50ppm.*

K45 - 2 Points - Floor, walls, ceilings: not built, not maintained, not clean; 114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272

Inspector Observations: *Observed missing cove base tiles in bar area and a few missing floor tiles. [CA] Replace missing tiles with approved flooring materia.*

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized.

Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
chlorine	kitchen warewash machine	50.00 PPM	
tomatoes	food prep cold hold	48.00 Fahrenheit	
raw shrimp	food prep cold hold	48.00 Fahrenheit	
sour cream	food prep cold hold	45.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	handwash sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
chile relleno	food prep cold hold	48.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded chicken	steam table	147.00 Fahrenheit	
shredded cheese	food prep cold hold	45.00 Fahrenheit	
milk	walk-in cooler	38.00 Fahrenheit	
pozole	food prep cold hold	42.00 Fahrenheit	
hot water	3 comp sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
tamale	reach-in freezer	11.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	bar warewash machine	10.00 PPM	

Overall Comments:

Verified that permit has been paid.

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 **1/12/2026**. 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



Received By: Elmer Orellana
Owner

Signed On: December 29, 2025