

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205065 - TAVERNA		Site Address 800 EMERSON ST, PALO ALTO, CA 94301	Inspection Date 08/11/2026
Program PR0301429 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 3 - FP14		Owner Name TAVERNA EL GRECO LLC	Inspection Time 10:00 - 11:30
Inspected By TRAVIS KETCHU	Inspection Type FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION	Consent By HAKAN BALA	

Placard Color & Score

RED
N/A

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

Cited On: 08/10/2026

K13 - 8 Points - Food not in good condition/unsafe/adulterated; 113967, 113976, 113980, 113988, 113990, 114035, 114041, 114254(c), 114254.3

This violation found not in compliance on 08/11/2026. See details below.

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Inspector Observations: 1. Observed Vermin: cockroaches

Documented live cockroaches in the following areas:

- Live nymphs on the floor in multiple areas of the kitchen
- Multiple adults under the shelves above the warewashing machine

Follow-up By
08/12/2026

2. Photographs: Taken for documentation purposes.

3. Supervisor Notified: Suzanne Lew

4. Notification: The person in charge during inspection, Hakan Bala, has been informed that the facility must close immediately.

[CA]: The premises of each food facility must be maintained free of vermin. A facility cannot operate if there is a vermin infestation that leads to contamination of food contact surfaces, packaging, utensils, food equipment, or adulteration of food. The facility is required to cease operations immediately and must remain closed until all corrective actions on the provided checklist are completed.

Requirements Before Reopening:

- 1. Email the signed and completed Reopening Checklist to the assigned inspector.**
- 2. Submit a copy of the pest control report from a licensed provider.**

Minor Violations

N/A

Measured Observations

N/A

Overall Comments:

Follow-up inspection for routine inspection on 8/10/2026.

Facility completed the reopening checklist for reopening due to a vermin infestation.

Multiple live cockroaches observed throughout the facility.

Facility remains closed.

Complete an additional reopening check list and obtain a professional pest control report which states all cockroach activity has

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been eliminated.

CLOSURE / PERMIT SUSPENSION NOTICE

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 8/25/2026. 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.

This notice is to inform you that as of this date the Environmental Health Permit for the above mentioned food facility is hereby suspended and all operations therewith are ordered to cease. This action is taken in accordance with Section 114409 of the California Health and Safety Code which states 'If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility or cottage food operation immediately closed.'

You have the right to make a written request for a hearing within 15 days after receipt of this notice to show just cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Failure to request such a hearing within the 15-day period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing. After these violations have been corrected, you must call the Department of Environmental Health for a reinspection to reinstate the permit to operate. Phone #: (408)918-3400.

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: Hakan Bala
PIC

Signed On: August 11, 2026