

County of Santa Clara

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Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0205273 - EL CAFETAL RESTAURANTE COLOMBIANO		Site Address 1006 E SANTA CLARA ST, SAN JOSE, CA 95116		Inspection Date 07/08/2026		Placard Color & Score RED 49		
Program PR0301044 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 0-5 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP10			Owner Name JRSS TRADE LLC		Inspection Time 12:10 - 13:30			
Inspected By ALEXANDER ALFARO		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By GILDARDO				FSC Not Available

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						N
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible		X		X			N
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						
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					N

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	X	
K28	Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used	X	
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	X	
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips	X	
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity	X	
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use	X	
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use	X	
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices	X	
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	X	
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing	X	
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	X
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K06 - 8 Points - Inadequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible; 113953, 113953.1, 113953.2, 114067(f)

Inspector Observations:

The handwash sink in the kitchen lacked paper towels.

[CA] Handwashing facilities shall be equipped with handwashing cleanser and single-use sanitary towels in dispensers.

[COS] PIC restocked the dispenser.

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

Inspector Observations:

Eggs were found stored on a shelf and measured at 78F. Per PIC, they were removed from the cooler about 1 hour prior.

[CA] PHFs shall be held at 41°F or below or at 135°F or above.

[COS] Eggs were moved to the upright cooler.

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

Inspector Observations:

1. Observed Vermin: Documented in the following areas:

- One live adult cockroach near electrical conduit in the corner ceiling of the kitchen.
- Numerous live cockroaches of all live stages in the door jam going from the kitchen area to the bathrooms.
- A live cockroach on a Colombia flag near the upright cooler in the hallway across the water heater closet.
- A dead cockroach on the floor in front of the two compartment pre-rinse sink.
- Rodent droppings in the small dining room.
- Rodent droppings under the warewash sink.
- Rodent droppings between the small upright cooler and the bin of flour.
- Minimum of 4 dead adult rats in the water heater closet, two on a trap and two stuck near the water heater drain valve. (PIC disposed of traps and dead bodies before allowing access to view the closet and was unclear on number of bodies disposed of)
- Numerous amounts of fresh rodent droppings in the water heater closet.

2. Photographs: Taken for documentation purposes.

3. Supervisor Notified: S. Lew

4. Notification: The person in charge during inspection, Gildardo, 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

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

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Inspector Observations:

1. No food handler cards were available for review.

[CA] Each food handler shall maintain a valid food handler card for the duration of his or her employment as food handler. A valid food handler card shall be provided within 30 days of after the date of hire.

2. No Food Safety Certificate was available for review.

[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.

K27 - 2 Points - Food not separated and unprotected; 113984(a-d,f), 113986, 114060, 114067(a,d,e,j), 114069(a,b), 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c)

Inspector Observations:

Raw beef was found stored above ready to eat foods in the upright cooler in the kitchen.

[CA] All food shall be separated and protected from cross-contamination. Store all raw meat or other raw products of animal origin below ready-to-eat food items.

K29 - 2 Points - Toxic substances improperly identified, stored, used; 114254, 114254.1, 114254.2

Inspector Observations:

Facility did not label a pesticide put into a clear plastic sprayer bottle.

[CA] Chemicals once removed from original container shall be labeled with common name. Ensure the pesticide being used is approved for a food facility and can be applied without a required pest control license. Per PIC, product is bought from a facility, they box was labeled "Pestie".

K33 - 2 Points - Nonfood contact surfaces not clean; 114115(c)

Inspector Observations:

The surfaces of equipment had an accumulation of food debris and grime.

[CA] Nonfood-contact surfaces of equipment shall be kept free of an accumulation of dust, dirt, food residue, and other debris.

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:

Facility lacks testing materials for their choice of sanitizer, chlorine.

[CA] Testing equipment and materials shall be provided to adequately measure the applicable sanitization method used during manual or mechanical warewashing.

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations:

Facility has a non-ANSI toaster oven in use.

[CA] New and/or replacement food equipment shall be certified or classified for sanitation by an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited certification program (e.g. NSF, UL EPH, UL Sanitation, CSA Sanitation, or ETL Sanitation).

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

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Inspector Observations:

Facility was using a bowl as a scooper for flour.

[CA] Use approved utensils such as scoops or spoons with handles to ensure hands do not come in direct contact with food.

K38 - 2 Points - Inadequate ventilation and lighting in designated area; 114149, 114149.1, 114149.2, 114149.3, 114252, 114252.1

Inspector Observations:

Facility was cooking with the exhaust hood fan off.

[CA] Mechanical exhaust ventilation shall be on while cooking is taking place.

K41 - 2 Points - Plumbing unapproved, not installed, not in good repair; improper backflow devices; 114171, 114189.1, 114190, 114192, 114193, 114193.1, 114199, 114201, 114269

Inspector Observations:

The restroom handwash sink was draining slowly.

[CA] Investigate and repair plumbing fixture.

K42 - 2 Points - Garbage and refuse improperly disposed; 114244, 114245, 114245.1, 114245.2, 114245.3, 114245.4, 114245.5, 114245.6, 114245.7, 114245.8

Inspector Observations:

The dumpster was overfilled and did not close. PIC reported that is picked up once a week.

[CA] Refuse containers shall be collected or cleaned frequently enough to minimize the development of objectionable odors or conditions that attract or harbor insects or rodents.

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

Inspector Observations:

1. The back premises have an accumulation of cardboard.

[CA] The premises of a food facility shall be free of litter and items that are unnecessary to the operation or maintenance of the facility, such as equipment that is nonfunctional or no longer used.

2. The "to go" window is kept open with the screening removed.

[CA] The drive thru or passthrough window shall be provided with a solid or screened window, equipped with a self-closing device.

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

Inspector Observations:

1. There are numerous holes and gaps in the walls of the water heater closet.

2. There are gaps around the waste pipe of the pre-rinse sink.

3. There are gaps around electrical conduit in the kitchen.

[CA] Seal gaps and holes in the structure to prevent pest entrance and harborage. Seal holes in the water heater closet with a material that is smooth, durable, and easily cleanable.

K48 - 2 Points - Plan review unapproved; 114380

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Facility has added a handwash sink and a prep sink (with no drainboard or adjacent table) without submitting to plan check.

Follow-up By
07/22/2026

[CA] A person proposing to build or remodel a food facility shall submit plans and specifications for review and shall receive plan approval prior to starting any new construction or remodeling. Contact DEH at 408-918-3400 or at www.ehinfo.org to obtain plan check requirements. Submit plans within 2 weeks.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

- Needs Improvement - Proper hot and cold holding temperatures.
- Needs Improvement - Adequate handwash facilities: supplied or accessible.
- Needs Improvement - No rodents, insects, birds, or animals.
- Needs Improvement - Hands clean/properly washed/gloves used properly.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Cheese	Upright Cooler	41.00 Fahrenheit	
Egg	Shelf	78.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Handwash Sink - Restroom	100.00 Fahrenheit	
Meat	Upright Cooler	55.00 Fahrenheit	just prepared and seasoned 30 minutes
Water	Warewash sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
Water	Prep Sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Facility is hereby closed due to evidence of a vermin infestation.

- Facility shall:

- Provide pest control report from a licensed pest control company that indicates the type of control measures taken and that the facility has been treated.
 - Eradicate all live and dead rodents and insects from the facility.
 - Clean and sanitize the affected area(s) and equipment.
 - Dispose of all food items that have been adulterated/contaminated.
 - Seal holes (e.g. in walls and ceilings, repair coved base), and entryways (e.g. weather-stripping around doors); keep exterior doors closed; screen openable windows.
 - Eliminate harborage inside and outside of the facility - remove unused/cast-off equipment, contributory vegetation, etc.)
 - Eliminate food and water sources inside and outside the facility.
 - Properly store items (e.g. at least 6 inches above floor in sealed rodent-proof/insect-proof containers; organize overly packed and disorganized storage areas).
 - Properly store and dispose of garbage and other waste (e.g. bagged wastes, keep dumpster lids closed, frequent removal).
- ** Please note that pest control treatments for rodents or insects may require a sufficient amount of contact time for these to be effective. Consult with pest control company for guidelines on eliminating harborage, entryways, and food/water sources.**
- Subsequent follow-up inspection shall be billed at \$282/hour, minimum one hour, during normal business hour, Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and \$645 for a minimum of two hours, during non-business hours, and upon inspector availability.

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 **7/22/2026**. 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.

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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: Gildardo
Owner

Signed On: July 08, 2026