

Dan Carl
District Director
California Coastal Commission, Headquarters
455 Market St., #300
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Carl:

I'm writing to request that you investigate the Alexandre Family Farm for dozens of incidents that may have violated California state water protection laws.

Less than 24 hours ago, Farm Forward released the results of [our investigation of Alexandre Family Farm](#). Our investigation was covered in [an extensive article in *The Atlantic*](#) released today.

Our report includes photographs that appear to show dead cows rotting on pastures (pg. 9, 13, & 34), piles of bones decaying on pastures (pg. 16, 33, & 40), and staff at Alexandre collecting animals' body parts that have been decomposing on the land in ways that may have violated California regulations regarding coastal water protection (pg. 33). Whistleblowers have corroborated these impressions.

As you know, it is unlawful to deposit a mammal's carcass or viscera, permit a mammal's carcass or viscera to pass into, place a mammal's carcass or viscera where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away a mammal's carcass or viscera within 150 feet of the highwater mark of the state under California Fish and Game Code 5652a, available [here](#).

We are told that complaints about Alexandre's behavior have previously been made to North Coast Enforcement Analyst Joshua Levine, who (as far as we know) has taken no action regarding Alexandre in response.

You can find additional context in [our report](#) and in [the *Atlantic* article](#).

We urge you to review our report and take all appropriate action to prevent or prosecute Alexandre's violations of California water protection laws (including [FGC§5652a](#)).

Thank you for taking time to review this matter. I would be grateful for a timely response, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best,



Andrew deCoriolis
Executive Director

cc:

Melissa Kraemer, North Coast District Manager

Tamara Gedik, North Coast District Supervisor

Joshua Levine, North Coast Enforcement Analyst