



FALL RIVER COUNTY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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February 5, 2026

Dear Congressmen, Representatives, and Governor Roden

California developed an extremely stringent air quality control standard. In turn, the auto industry adopted this standard across the nation, which caused the development of Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) to be a requirement for all diesel engines. This DEF has been a major problem for anyone who runs a diesel engine. It requires a number of other additions to the exhaust system that reduced the engine efficiency and greatly increased the cost of manufacturing each diesel engine.

The diesel particulate filter in particular, costs thousands of dollars and was frequently stolen. This DEF fluid caused so many additional problems and reduced the efficiency of diesel engines so markedly, any benefits achieved were lost due to reduced fuel efficiency, mileage, and the increase in the complexity of the engine itself.

The Trump Administration, according to a recent post on the YouTube channel of TK's Garage, has indicated that it will remove the requirement for DEF and will no longer pursue prosecution by the Justice Department of those who have deleted their vehicles. This is wonderful news for farmers, over-the-road truckers and any diesel engine owner.

Fall River County Commissioners would like to strongly encourage support by our State and Federal Representatives to make this the law of the land. We don't need California rules.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Falkenburg
Fall River County Commission Chairman

Deb Russell
Fall River Commission Vice-Chair

Joe Allen, Commissioner

Les Cope, Commissioner

Sandra Wahlert, Commissioner

County													
Parcel_Number	Deedholder	Legal Description	Reason	Year	Ag	NA	O/O	Ag	NA	O/O	Tax District	NA Factor	AG Factor
05000-01007-304-00	State of South Dakota	NE1/4SE1/4, SEC 30, TWP 10, RG 7	Tax exempt removed by mistake	2024 Pay 2025	\$ 23,310			\$ -			24	0.912	0.85
12000-00706-063-22	Veterans Helping Hands Project	VHHP TRACT, SEC 6, TWP 7, RG 6 (10.0 ACRES)	Tax exempt filed on time not updated in the system	2024 Pay 2025			\$ 130,000			\$ -	5	0.912	0.85
72150-05100-001-00	HERNANDEZ, MAUREEN ANNE	FIRST ADDN: LOT 1, BLK 51	Surviving Spouse letter Provided Vet exempt 12/22/2022	2024 Pay 2025			\$ 112,160			\$ 12,160	39	0.912	0.85
12000-00706-332-03	BOOTH, VICKIE	LOT 2A OF LOT 2 OF TRACT A IN N1/2NW1/4, SEC 3,	Applicant for tax reduction program	2025 Pay 2026			\$ 126,950			\$ -	39	0.923	0.85
11000-00705-151-70	CACHRO, WLADYSLAW/GIANE	TRACT G-4 OF GILLIS SUBD (1.9312 ACRES) SEC 15	Applied for program not updated in System	2024 Pay 2025	\$ 112,990					\$ 22,425	5	0.912	0.85
Hot Springs													
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75116-00000-009-03	Fail River Health Services	BOULDER FALLS BUSINESS PARK ADDN: TRACT 3	Tax exempt filed on time not updated in the system	2024 Pay 2025		\$ 73,130			\$ -		6	0.912	0.85
75116-00000-009-02	Fail River Health Services	BOULDER FALLS BUSINESS PARK ADDN: TRACT 2	Tax exempt filed on time not updated in the system	2024 Pay 2025		\$ 885,140			\$ -		6	0.912	0.85
75410-00900-007-00	HOT SPRINGS MINISTERIAL AS	HOT SPRINGS: LOTS 7,8,9, EXCEPTING SE 9" OF LC	Tax exempt filed on time not updated in the system (33% Use is exempt)	2023 Pay 2024		\$ 327,950			\$ 219,726		6	0.912	0.85
75440-01200-006-00	Sund, Lorinda Lou	PHILLIPS ADDN: LOT 6, BLK 12	Late applicant for Elderly Freeze	2024 Pay 2025		\$ 342,900			\$ 229,743			0.923	0.85
81900-00000-051-30		Mobile Home on leased site	Disposed of abandoned mobile home on a leased site.	2023 Pay 2024		\$ 126,380					6	0.912	0.85
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