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EAST UNION CEMETERY BOARD RESIGNS, OPENS GATES TO VISITORS (12:45 P.M.)

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MANTECA — All 12 members of the East Union Cemetery Board of Directors resigned this morning following receipt of a letter from the California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau Tuesday that called for the directors to admit several state regulations have been broken by both the current and previous boards.

The letter also said the cemetery would be granted a provisional Certificate of Authority to operate while under a three-year probationary period when the board agreed to a list of stipulations.

Board President Carlon Perry said the cemetery's gates have been reopened and will remain open. A sign has been posted informing visitors that the cemetery has no insurance and that they are entering at their own risk.

The board voted to lock the gates Monday night because the cemetery no longer had any liability insurance, which made the individual directors liable. They had operated without the insurance for some time, but said it had become too much risk for the individuals to continue.

The former board members have called a press conference for 11 a.m. Thursday at the cemetery office, 1035 N. Union Road, to answer questions about their decision.

Read Thursday's Record for more on this story by staff writer Harley Becker.