

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Visalia, CA 93291

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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<i>DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AT TULARE COUNTY CLERK</i>

Applicant(s): Setton Pistachio Co., Inc.
9370 Road 234
Terra Bella, CA 93270
(559) 535-6050

Subject: **Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code**

Project Title: Addendum to the Terra Bella Community Plan Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella Facility Capacity Expansion Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015091011

Contact Person: Hector Guerra **Telephone Number:** 559-624-7121

Project Location: The Project is located at 9370 Road 234, Terra Bella, California in unincorporated Tulare County, within Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M), within the Ducor U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (County APNs: 320-130-005, -009, -010, -011, -015, -024, -025 and -026; 320-356-007, -009, -010, -011, -021, -022, -023, -024, and -025, 320-355-032).

Project Description: The Project consists of the installation of twenty-four (24) new silos and related equipment for the processing and storage of pistachios at the existing processing facility. Each new silo holds 1.8 million pounds of product, and upon completion would increase the on-site storage capacity of the facility from 90 million to approximately 133 million pounds. The Project also includes natural gas-fired heaters and electric fans to service the new silos, two (2) receiving/pre-cleaning lines served by four (4) cyclones, ten (10) hulling units, and twelve (12) natural gas-fired dryers to expand its peaker production capability, a break room for employees, and an electrical utility room.

Process water (wastewater) from current pistachio processing operations is filtered, stored in on-site ponds, and beneficially reused for irrigation of orchards. Presently, up to three (3) million gallons per day and sixty (60) million gallons per year of wastewater is applied for beneficial reuse of 483 acres. The Project will not increase the amount of wastewater processed beyond these amounts; however, the Project does include an expansion of its land application area and construction of new pipeline to irrigate a total of 892 acres of agricultural fields, an increase of 409 acres. The new irrigation pipes will run from existing water turnouts to the expanded application area and will be built within the boundaries of Setton's existing property and along public rights-of-ways. Wastewater will continue to be stored at the existing ponds, but at reduced levels, and only when the amount of water available exceeds the receiving capacity of the irrigated lands.


This is to advise that the **TULARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, as Lead Agency Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on August 18, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. Addendum to MND SCH# 2015091011 was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures [were were not] made a condition of approval of this project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the environmental document and record of project approval is available to the General Public and may be examined at Tulare County Resource Management Agency, 5961 S Mooney Blvd., Visalia CA 93277.

By: 
Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Date: 8/18/20

By: 
Reed Schenke, Director and Environmental Assessment Officer

Date: 8/18/20

Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Fees Required
 Addendum to SCH#2015091011

Note: Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resource Code; Reference: Sections 21108, 21152 and 21167, Public Resource Code.