

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Toste Dairy Expansion Project

Lead Agency: County of Merced

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Project Location: Unincorporated Merced County near Gustine, CA Merced  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project sponsor has applied for a new Conditional Use Permit (CUP19-001) from Merced County to expand the existing dairy beyond its current permitted capacity so that the modified dairy would house 2,500 milk cows, 500 dry cows, and 2,950 support stock (see Table 4). This would represent an increase of 1,300 animals from existing numbers. The proposed project would include the construction of supporting buildings and structures, including two freestall barns of approximately 126,750 square feet and 94,250 square feet; two shade or "Saudi" barns of approximately 63,000 square feet and 84,000 square feet; the addition of approximately 7,500 square feet to the existing milking parlor; modification of the feed storage area; installation of a mechanical separator and manure separator pad; and the addition of a wastewater retention pond when incremental herd increases require more wastewater storage. With construction of the proposed facilities, approximately 14 acres of cropped acreage would be converted to active dairy facilities. The remaining 316 acres would continue to be cropped with dairy feed crops.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Air Quality: 1) Conflict with air quality plan/Net increase of criteria pollutant: Implement a SJVAPCD-approved Dust Control Plan. 2) Odors: implement Merced County DEH-approved Odor Control Plan and nuisance control measures.  
Biological Resources: 1) Special-status species: Conduct protocol surveys if construction timing so requires, and comply with all CDFW requirements as necessary. 2) Night lighting: Develop and implement a Lighting Plan.  
Cultural Resources: Undiscovered archaeological resources/human remains: Stop construction activity and notify appropriate agencies should cultural resources/human remains be discovered.  
Hazards: Nuisance insects: Implement control measures.  
Hydrology/Water Quality: 1) Surface water quality: Submit Permit Registration Documents to SWRCB and implement all requirements of permit. 2) Groundwater contamination: Implement BMPs, comply with requirements of NMP/WMP, groundwater monitoring. 3) Water quality at off-site locations: Obtain written agreement and implement BMPs  
Land Use/Planning: Odors and Nuisance Insects: Implement control measures.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

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Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control Board  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board