



MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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 Community Development Department
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County Clerk, County of San Joaquin

PROJECT TITLE: Site Approval No. PA-1800315

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located on the west side of S. Murphy Rd., 2,915 feet north of Lone Tree Rd., northwest of Escalon, San Joaquin County. (APN/Address: 203-120-11; 203-130-03, -05, & -06 / 13773 S. Murphy Rd., Escalon) (Supervisorial District: 4)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A Site Approval application to install a manure digester facility on an 18-acre portion of an on a 237.48-acre parcel with an existing dairy, Vander Schaaf Dairy #3. The manure digester facility will capture greenhouse gases from manure waste and convert the greenhouse gases to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG). The proposal includes the construction of the following:

- a 11,825-square-foot hydrolyzer structure
- a 57,600-square-foot digester double-lined covered lagoon
- a 5,100-square-foot Livestock Water Recycling structure
- a 3,200-square-foot office building
- a 1,500-square-foot utility shop
- a 5,500-square-foot Livestock Water Recycling equipment area
- a 11,000-square-foot Renewable Natural Gas equipment area
- a 2,760-square-foot processing and equalization pit
- a 7,850-square-foot flare structure
- a truck scale
- three natural gas genset containers totaling 1,400 square-feet
- a temporary manure storage area
- a 144-square-foot collection pit
- a 1,990-square-foot flush pit
- a 2,700-square-foot manure screen separation structure
- a 1,900-square-foot bedding drying structure
- a manure storage area

The RNG will be picked up by outside truck hauling companies 7 days per week. The manure feeding the digester will be supplied by the onsite dairy, Vander Schaaf Dairy #1 located 0.5 miles north of the project site on APN: 203-130-05, and off-site "donor" dairies. Flush water for the project will be pumped from the Vander Schaaf Dairy #1 through the installation of new underground pipes and lift stations across two parcels including APN 203-130-03 & -06, to the Vander Schaaf Dairy #3. The resulting separated solids from the project will be sold as fertilizer and trucked offsite daily. The parcel will be served by an on-site water well, a septic system for waste water disposal, and natural storm drainage. The facility proposes to operate 24 hours per day 7 days per week with 14 truck trips per day, and 4 employees arriving on site in personal vehicles during normal daytime business hours 8 am to 5 pm, 5-days a week. The project site has 2 existing access driveways on S. Murphy Rd, but only the south driveway will be utilized for the project. This parcel is under a Williamson Act contract.

The Property is zoned AG-40 (General Agriculture, 40-acre minimum) and the General Plan designation is A/G (General Agriculture) and OS/RC (Resource Conservation).

PROPONENT: Vander Schaaf Dairy #3 / Provost & Pritchard (c/o Steve Bommelje)

This is a Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project as described. San Joaquin County has determined that through the Initial Study that contains proposed mitigation measures all potentially significant effects on the environment can be reduced to a less than significant level. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study can be viewed on the Community Development Department website at www.sjgov.org/commdev under Active Planning Applications.

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