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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit Application No. 20-05 for Holm Ranch

Lead Agency: Kings County Community Development Agency

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Project Location: Lemoore, Kings County
City *County*

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

Foster Farms proposes to operate a poultry ranch to grow turkeys and chickens as part of CUP No. 20-05 on the Holm Ranch site, located at 16395 19th Avenue Lemoore, CA. The purpose of Foster Farms applying for a new CUP (No. 20-05) is to request the County's approval in operating as a mixed poultry farm (chickens and turkeys) since the previous CUP (No. 1494) only allowed for turkeys. CUP No. 20-05 requests this mixed poultry operations approval, along with the approval for the installation and use of outdoor poultry pens adjacent to each barn on the site. Foster Farms proposes to place a maximum of 166,154 chickens or 54,000 turkey onsite per flock for grow out operations. For turkey brooding, up to 120,000 poults (baby turkeys) at any one time. The number of flocks per year will range from a minimum of 4 to a maximum of 8 flocks per year depending on the type of bird and desired harvest weight. The Lead Agency, Kings County Community Development Agency, finds that there is no substantial evidence that this Proposed Project would have a significant effect on the environment with mitigation incorporated, and therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for this Proposed Project.

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

Per Kings County Community Development Agency standard practice, mitigation measures have been included to ensure that no potentially significant effects would occur with implementation of the project. These include mitigation measures that ensure that the project is compliant with County development code, such as AES-1 Lighting Standard which calls for all exterior lighting to be hooded and AQ-1 Odor Management Plan, which requires that an Odor Management Plan be implemented during operations of the ranch to avoid nuisances associated with sources of light/glare and odors to nearby sensitive receptors (other ranch residences). A Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HAZ-1) and Poultry General Order (HYD-1) mitigation measure is also included to ensure the implementation of these conditions to avoid potentially significant impacts related to water quality. In addition, as the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe resides within the vicinity of the site, additional cultural mitigation measures have been included to avoid potential impacts related to an unanticipated discovery of cultural/tribal-cultural resources, although very minor ground disturbance is anticipated (pen post installation).

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

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife had expressed concerns via consultation letter during the CUP review period regarding the potential presence of sensitive and special status species and potentially suitable habitat on or adjacent to the site. A general biological survey was completed for the site and resulted in the findings that no suitable habitat was present on the disturbed agricultural site and that no species were spotted. The County notified the project proponent that the previous ranch operating under the previous ownership had received concerns from the public regarding odors and noise in 1989, which lead to the incorporation of mitigation measures for this project.

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

Kings County Community Development Agency
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)