



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: <b>24-2024-025</b>
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY <b>MERCED COUNTY</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>02/28/2024</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>MERCED COUNTY</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>24-2024-025</b>	

PROJECT TITLE  
**VIERRA DAIRY EXPANSION PROJECT (CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP20-009)**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>VIERRA DAIRY LLC</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(209) 385-7654</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>2222 M STREET</b>	CITY <b>MERCED</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>95340</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

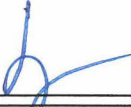
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>4,051.25</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 4,101.25

SIGNATURE  <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE  <b>Julia Ruiz Deputy Clerk</b>
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# Notice of Determination

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
  
County Clerk  
County of Merced  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**From:** Merced County  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
  
**Contact:** Tiffany Ho  
(209) 385-7654 ext. 4407  
Tiffany.Ho@countyofmerced.com

**SUBJECT:** *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021100002

**Project Title:** Vierra Dairy Expansion Project (Conditional Use Permit No. CUP20-009)

**Project Applicant:** Vierra Dairy, LLC

**Project Location:** Generally located at the northwest corner of West Williams Avenue and North Washington Road in the Hilmar area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN's) 045-190-015, 045-190-017, 045-190-052, 045-190-063, 045-190-077, 045-040-037, 045-040-021, 045-252-001, 045-040-042, 045-040-043, 045-252-012, 045-252-013-, 045-252-014, and 045-253-005.

**Project Description:**

The project proposes to expand an existing dairy operation by increasing the permitted herd size from 5,597 animals to 7,117 animals, or an increase of approximately 1,520 milk cows. The proposed expansion also includes the construction of supporting building and structures, including two (2) freestall barns, a 10,000-square foot hospital milking barn, a 15,160-square foot commodity barn addition, 195,200-square foot a heifer barn (covering existing corals), and a 18,000-square foot utility shop. a loafing barn, and a mechanical manure separator. The expansion also includes the addition of approximately 264 acres of farmland to be used as additional wastewater and manure application area. The project site is generally located at the northwest corner of West Williams Avenue and North Washington Road in the Hilmar area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN's) 045-190-015, 045-190-017, 045-190-052, 045-190-063, 045-190-077, 045-040-037, 045-040-021, 045-252-001, 045-040-042, 045-040-043, 045-252-012, 045-252-013-, 045-252-014, and 045-253-005. The property is designated Agricultural land use in the General Plan and is zoned A-1 (General Agricultural).

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above project described on February 28, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring 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 provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the County of Merced Community & Economic Development, 2222 "M" Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Merced, CA 95340, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

**Signature &  
Date:**

Tiffany  
Ho

Digitally signed  
by Tiffany Ho  
Date: 2024.02.28  
10:26:47 -08'00'

**Title:** Deputy Director of Planning

**Date Received for  
Filing at OPR:**

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MERCED COUNTY CLERK

BY: 

MERCED COUNTY RECORDER  
MATT H. MAY  
CLERK RECORDER'S  
2222 M STREET  
MERCED, CA, 95340  
(209) 385-7627

VitalCheck Network

Receipt # F2024005090

Cashier RE32

Register RE-COUNTER3

Date / Time 2/28/24 11:03 am

Description	Fee
NOD/EIR	
Document n/a	\$4101.25
Time Recorded: 11:03 am	
Recording Fee:	\$4101.25
Total Amount Due	\$4101.25
Total Paid	
House Charge	\$4101.25

THANK YOU  
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

VitalChek Receipt  
Merced County Recorder

Date / Time: 2/28/2024 10:55 AM PST  
Order Number: 177232826  
Line Item: 1 of 1  
Certificate Type: OFFICIAL RECORD  
Name on Certificate: VOGT KEVIN  
Record ID: NOD  
Applicant's Phone: (209)-210-7397

KEVIN VOGT  
PO BOX 2367  
TURLOCK, CA 95381

Method of Delivery:	
Regular Mail	
Authorization Code: 151797	
Agency Fee:	\$4101.25
Other Agency Fee:	\$0.00
Misc Fee:	\$0.00
Shipping:	\$0.00
VCN Handling:	\$7.00
Total Order Fees:	\$4108.25