

# Notice of Determination

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**SUBJECT:** *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022050451

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**Project Title:** Borba Dairy Farms Expansion Project

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**Project Applicant:** Borba Dairy Farms (C/O Mike Borba)

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**Project Location:** Located on the southwest corner of Kelley Road and Turner Road in the Hilmar area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 045-080-003 and 045-070-001. The existing and proposed additional cropland are identified by APNs 045-060-009, 045-080-040, 045-060-004, 045-060-006, 045-060-011, 045-060-012, 045-060-013, 045-030-006, 045-030-023, 045-030-024, 045-030-025, 045-030-028

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**Project Description:**

To modify and expand the existing dairy operation by increasing the permitted herd size from 4,450 animals to 6,100 animals (4,000 milk cows, 500 dry cows, and 1,600 support stock). The proposed project would include construction of supporting buildings and features at the dairy facility, including four new freestall barns, a new milking parlor and replacement dairy well, two new wastewater storage ponds, and an agricultural storage barn. With construction of the proposed facilities, an existing shade barn, shop, hospital milking parlor, and freestall barn would be removed. Cropped acreage associated with the expanded dairy operations would include approximately 887 acres, including the addition of 404 acres within fields 32 through 38. Construction of the proposed facilities would result in the conversion of approximately 24.2 acres of cropland.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has approved the above project described on 11/06/2024 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:** 11/06/2024

**Title:** Deputy Director of Planning

**Date Received for Filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_