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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP20-004 "ANTONIO AZEVEDO DAIRY #2 EXPANSION
PROJECT"**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared by the County of Merced, State of California, and is available for public review pursuant to State of California, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the project listed below:

PROPOSED PROJECT: Conditional Use Permit No. CUP20-004 ("Antonio Azevedo Dairy #2 Expansion Project", State Clearinghouse # 2022070360)

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT PERIOD: November 8, 2024 to December 23, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION: The project proposes to modify and expand the existing dairy from 2,735 animals to 4,000 animals (3,000 milk cows, 500 dry cows, and 500 bred heifers). The proposed project would include the addition of a new 68,000 square foot (1.6-acre) concrete manure storage area and a new mechanical separator. No new buildings are proposed with this project. The project site is located on the east side of State Route/Highway 59, approximately 0.6 miles south of East Sandy Mush Road in the El Nido area in unincorporated Merced County, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 075-010-003. The DEIR includes an evaluation of environmental impacts from the proposed project, including impacts to Air Quality and Odors; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Efficiency; Nuisance Conditions from Insects; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use Compatibility; and, Cumulative Impacts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for this project at a later time. A separate public notice including the date, time, and place of the Planning Commission hearing will be provided once a date has been finalized.

DRAFT EIR REVIEW: The Draft EIR is available for review during Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, at the Merced County Community and Economic Development Department addressed below and online at www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents.

COMMENTING ON THE DRAFT EIR: Consistent with the requirements of Section 15087 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this Draft EIR is being made available on November 8, 2024, for public review for a period of 45 days. During this period, the general public, agencies, and organizations may submit written comments on the content of this Draft EIR to Merced County. Comments received on the Draft EIR will be responded to in the Final EIR.

SEND COMMENTS TO:

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Comments should be provided at the earliest possible date but must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2024. Emailed comments should be submitted to Planning@countyofmerced.com and should include the phrase "Azevedo #2 EIR" in the subject line.