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Project Title: Setton Pistachio Treated Wastewater Land Application Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency Contact: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Mailing Address: 5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Phone: 559-624-7121

City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Terra Bella

Cross Streets: Ave 96/Rd 224; Ave 92/Rd 224; Ave 92/ Muller Rd Zip Code: 93270

Assessor's Parcel No: 320-040-004, -005, -006, -007, -008, -009; 320-040-034; and 320-070-023, -024 and -025 Total Acres: 89

Latitude/Longitude: 35° 57' 44.74" N 119° 04' 18.31" W Section: Township: Range: Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: State Route 65 Waterways: Deer Creek

Airports: Railways: Schools: Terra Bella Elementary & Carl F. Smith Middle

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Dev. | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Sub.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Minor Modification</u> |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq. ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq. ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type <u> </u> MW <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq. ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type <u> </u> MGD <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u> </u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Land Application of treated wastewater</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type <u>Irrigation</u> MGD <u>25 MGY increase</u> | |

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid/Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Energy</u> |
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Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: pistachio orchards / AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural - 20 Acre Minimum) / Agriculture

Project Description: Setton Pistachio (the applicant) is proposing to increase the volume of treated wastewater that would be applied to the land application areas (LAAs) during the pistachio harvest season. To account for the increased volume of treated wastewater to be used for irrigation, Setton is proposing to add 89 acres of LAAs to expand their wastewater treatment disposal capacity. The sites are owned by Setton Pistachio and the proposed LAAs are surrounded by land developed with agriculture and local roads. The project includes installation of a 15-inch subsurface pipeline to connect the additional LAAs to the existing treated wastewater distribution pipelines and installation of irrigation lines within the LAAs. Two encroachment permits would be required from Tulare County for the new pipeline to reach two of the new LAAs. The additional LAAs would allow Setton Pistachio to increase the annual wastewater discharge from 60 million gallons per year (MGY) to 85 MGY (maximum daily discharge rates would remain at 3 million gallons), allowing the facility to fully utilize its current design capacity. Improvements to the existing wastewater treatment facilities are also proposed to protect beneficial uses of water, prevent nuisance conditions, and comply with waste discharge requirements issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. This would include adding fiber filters to the existing gunite-lined pond to remove excess solids from treated wastewater prior to its release into the East and West Ponds, where it is stored on a short-term basis for distribution to the LAAs. Further, paddles would be installed in the West Pond for aeration, and a Venturi Model 06 EMOH™ system would be installed in the East Pond to improve aeration to prevent septicity and odor production.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X." If the document has already been sent to the agency, denote that with an "s."

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Forest Service</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Association of Governments</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Resources Conservation District</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Farm Bureau</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Office of Emergency Services</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Fire Warden</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Sheriff's Office</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County HHS - Environmental Health</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County U.C. Cooperative Extension</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW)</u> |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: March 15, 2023 Ending Date: April 17, 2023

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Terra Bella, CA 93270</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(559) 535-6050</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Hector Guerra Date: 3/15/23
 Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Reed Schenke Date: 3/15/23
 Reed Schenke, Director/Environmental Assessment Officer