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SCH # 2023030410

Project Title: Setton Pistachio Treated Wastewater Land Application Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency Contact: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner
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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:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other
 Mit Neg Dec Other: FONSI

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Pre-zone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Dev. Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Sub.) Other Minor Modification

Development Type:

Residential: Units Acres Transportation: Type
 Office: Sq. ft. Acres Employees Mining: Mineral
 Commercial: Sq. ft. Acres Employees Power: Type MW
 Industrial: Sq. ft. Acres Employees Waste Treatment: Type MGD
 Educational: Hazardous Waste: Type
 Recreational: Other: Land Application of treated wastewater
 Water Facilities: Type Irrigation MGD 25 MGY increase

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archaeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducing
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid/Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Transportation/Traffic/Circulation Other: Energy
 Other: Tribal Cultural Res. Other: Greenhouse Gases Other: Utilities & Service Services Other:

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 EMOHTM system would be installed in the East Pond to improve aeration to prevent septicity and odor production.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <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 checked="" 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 |
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| <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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Forest Service</u> |
| <input checked="" 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> |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: October 18, 2024 Ending Date: October 29, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/21/2024
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