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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP22-016
PARREIRA ALMOND PROCESSING CO. (RPAC) FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Merced, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Negative Declaration (ND) and supporting Initial Study for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP22-016 ("Parreira Almond Processing Co. Facility Expansion Project").

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to construct an approximately 101,235-square foot packing and processing building, incorporating storage, processing, and office space, within the footprint of an existing almond processing facility. The project also involves the relocation of existing ground-mounted solar arrays which would be installed as roof-mounted solar on existing facility buildings. The project site is located on the east side of South Ortigalita Road, approximately 0.25 miles south of West Charleston Road in the Los Banos area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 088-101-007, 088-101-008, and 088-101-009. The project site is designated Agricultural land use in the General Plan and zoned A-1 (General Agricultural).

PUBLIC REVIEW: The Negative Declaration (ND) is available for a 30-day public review period beginning Tuesday, March 21, 2023 and ending, April 20, 2023. Copies of the Initial Study and ND are available to review at the County's website at www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents and at the Merced County Community and Economic Development Department located on the Second Floor of the County Administration Building, 2222 "M" Street, Merced, CA 95340. Front Counter hours of operation are Mondays through Friday between 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Written comments on the ND for the proposed project must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 20, 2023. Comments may be sent by mail to Merced County Community and Economic Development Department (2222 "M" Street, Merced, CA 95340) or via email to Valeria.Renteria@countyofmerced.com. If you require additional information, please contact the project planner, Valeria Renteria, at (209) 385-7654 ext. 4422.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Merced County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at a future date to be determined. This meeting will be separately noticed when the date and time are determined.

Interested persons should contact the project planner, Valeria Renteria, at the Community and Economic Development Department, if there are any questions and to confirm the meeting date and whether or not there will be a public hearing.