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Project Title: Use Permit Application No. PLN2023-0039 - MD Digester
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Street Address: 1010 10th Street, Suite 3400 Phone: (209) 525-6330
City: Modesto, CA Zip: 95354 County: Stanislaus

Project Location: 4900 Dodds Road City/Nearest Community: Community of Valley Home
Cross Streets: 26 Mile Road and Victory Avenue Zip Code: 95361
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ... N / ... W Total Acres: 482.4± acres
Assessor's Parcel Number: 002-003-020 Section: 20 Twp.: 1 Range: 10 Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: N/A Waterways: South San Joaquin Irrigation District Main Canal, Howell Lateral, Leitch Lateral, and Fairbanks Lateral
Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Valley Home Joint and Oakdale Joint Unified

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

Starting Date: August 14, 2024 Ending Date: September 16, 2024

Document Type:

- CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Draft EIR [ ] NEPA: [ ] NOI [ ] OTHER: [ ] Joint Document
[ ] Early Cons [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [ ] EA [ ] Final Document
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Local Action Type:

- [ ] General Plan Update [ ] Specific Plan [ ] Rezone [ ] Annexation
[ ] General Plan Amendment [ ] Master Plan [ ] Prezone [ ] Redevelopment
[ ] General Plan Element [ ] Planned Unit Development [X] Use Permit [ ] Coastal Permit
[ ] Community Plan [ ] Site Plan [ ] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [ ] Other

Development Type:

- [ ] Residential Units: Acres: [ ] Water Facilities Type: MGD
[ ] Office Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [ ] Transportation Type:
[ ] Commercial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [ ] Mining Mineral:
[ ] Industrial Sq.ft.: Acres: Employees: [ ] Power Type: MW
[ ] Educational [ ] Waste Facilities Type: MGD
[ ] Recreational [ ] Hazardous Waste Type:
[ ] OCS Related [X] Other Agriculture - anaerobic digester hub

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
[ ] Archeological/Historical [ ] Geological/Seismic [ ] Sewer Capacity [ ] Wetland/Riparian
[ ] Biological Resources [ ] Minerals [ ] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [ ] Growth Inducement
[ ] Coastal Zone [ ] Noise [ ] Solid Waste [ ] Land Use
[ ] Drainage/Absorption [ ] Population/Housing Balance [ ] Toxic/Hazardous [ ] Cumulative Effects
[ ] Economic/Jobs [ ] Public Services/Facilities [ ] Traffic/Circulation [X] Other: None identified.

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Dairy facility, and residential and accessory structures, totaling 650,506± square feet of building space / General Agriculture (A-2-40) / Agriculture.

**Project Description:** Request to operate a methane digester to process dairy waste on a 482.4± acre parcel in the General Agriculture (A-2-40) zoning district. The methane digester will process dairy waste produced from the on-site dairy and from one off-site dairy. The project site is located at 4900 Dodds Road, between 26 Mile Road and Victory Avenue, near the border of Stanislaus County and San Joaquin County. The Planning Commission will consider adoption of a California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration for this project. APN: 002-003-020.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of        | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency    | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>10</u>             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Board  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of    | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mountains 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   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission       |   |

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