

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MM23-012 to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP12-005 - Vierra Dairy – Dairy Digester

Project Applicant: 4Creeks Investments, LLC

Project Location: Located on the south side of West Geer Avenue, approximately 0.25 miles west of North Washington Road in the Hilmar area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 045-190-077.

Project City: Hilmar

Project County: Merced County

Project Description:

The project proposes to construct, install, and operate an anaerobic dairy digester and necessary infrastructure accessory to an existing dairy facility for wastewater management, biogas production, and biogas collection. The necessary infrastructure includes the lining and covering of a new pond on-site, to standards required by the Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB). This also includes a sand trap and dairy biogas conditioning plant.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Merced, Community & Economic Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Ethan Her, Planner I

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 145269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15311 ("Accessory Structures")
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Other _____

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves establishing a dairy digester accessory to an existing dairy facility. The project does not involve an expansion or intensification of the dairy use or structures in terms of the area and space occupied by the dairy; or an increase in the number animals. On-site employees, business or production output, and daily vehicle traffic for the dairy would not change.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ethan Her, Planner I

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code