

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MM23-013 to Administrative Application No. AA-120 - Vierra Dairy #2
Project Applicant: 4Creeks Investments, LLC
Project Location: Located on the north side of West Williams Avenue, approximately 0.25 miles east of North Washington Road in the Hilmar area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 045-190-032
Project City: Hilmar **Project County:** Merced County
Project Description:

The project proposes to construct, install, and operate infrastructure accessory to an existing dairy and needed for dairy wastewater products to be processed at a neighboring anaerobic dairy digester on premises, and returned to this site. The infrastructure includes a mechanical separator, sand trap, lift pump, and wastewater line.

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 _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves establishing infrastructure accessory to an existing dairy facility and necessary for wastewater products to be processed at a neighboring anaerobic dairy digester on premises and returned to site. 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.

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