

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024020496

Project Title: Morning Star Packing Plant Facility Upgrades Project (Major Modification No. MM22-013 to Administrative Application No. AA98-030)

Project Applicant: The Morning Star Packing Company

Project Location: On the southeast corner of South Volta Road and South Ingomar Grade in the Volta area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 081-060-093 and 081-060-094. The project site is designated as Agricultural and Industrial land use in the General Plan and zoned A-1 (General Agricultural) and M-2 (General Manufacturing).

Project Description:

The project proposes to allow for the construction and operation of an approximately 15,000-square-foot cafeteria and break room building, installation of an additional multi-effect evaporator, and the installation of a 5-MW natural gas turbine generator to supply power to all on-site facilities. The project would also include relocation of an employee parking area from its current location to an existing unpaved area on-site. The overall purpose of the project is to improve working conditions for on-site employees, and improve overall resiliency of the processing plant operations.

This is to advise that the County of Merced as the Lead Agency has sustained the approval of Planning Commission above project described on July 9, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made pursuant to provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at the County of Merced Community & Economic Development, 2222 "M" Street, 2nd Floor, Merced, CA 95340, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

**Signature &
Date:**

Title: Deputy Director of Planning

Date Received for

Filing at OPR:

7/12/2024
