

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Treehouse California Almonds Expansion (PSP 23-064)

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency

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Project Location: approximately 3.5 miles northeast of the community of Earlimart Tulare County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed Project requests allowing an expansion of the existing Treehouse California Almonds plant in four (4) phases. The company sells a full range of roasted and manufactured almonds, including blanched whole, sliced, and diced almonds, almond meal, almond butter, and natural whole almonds. The almonds are hulled and shelled in the Treehouse California Almonds plant near Delano in Kern County. This shelled raw product is then trucked to the Earlimart site for processing. The company currently operates two 10-hour shifts, four to five days a week, depending on the season. The company has 87 employees who work the day shift and 49 employees who work the night shift. The company anticipates the possible addition of 8 more employees with the above additions.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: Pre-construction Employee Education Program; Pre-construction Surveys; Avoidance & Minimization including establishing buffers, avoidance of nest and roosts, and passive relocation; Mortality Reporting and Compensatory Mitigation;

Cultural Resources: Potential impacts from resources being unearthed as a result of project-related ground excavation. Mitigation measures include ceasing activities and establishing buffer areas until appropriate authorities are notified and appropriate measures are identified;

Geology and Soil: Same as Cultural; and

Tribal Cultural Resource: Same as Cultural. Plus Pre-construction Employee Education Program

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known controversies at this time

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

*California Air Resources Board *California Department of Transportation District 6 (Caltrans District # 6)
*California Department of Conservation *California Energy Commission *California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Region 4 *California Department of Food & Agriculture *California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
*California Department of General Services *California Native American Heritage Commission
*Office of Historic Preservation *California Public Utilities Commission *California Regional Water Quality Control
Board (Region 5) *California Natural Resources Agency *California State Water Resources Control Board (Water
Quality) *California Department of Toxic Substances Control *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers *U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service *San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District *Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner
*Tulare County Association of Governments *Tulare County Farm Bureau *Tulare County Fire Warden *Tulare
County U.C. Cooperative Extension *U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service *U.S. Naval Facilities
Engineering Command *Tulare County HHSA - Environmental Health *Tulare County Office of Emergency Services
*Tulare County Resources Conservation District *Tulare County Resource Management (Fire, Flood, PW) *Tulare
County Sheriff's Office