

**TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
Treehouse California Almonds Expansion (PSP 23-064)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Tulare County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Treehouse California Almonds Expansion (PSP 23-064) Project. The MND has been approved for public review by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer. Copies are available for review and comment at the Resource Management Agency, Permit Center, 5961 South Mooney Blvd, Visalia, California 93277-9394. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** Treehouse California Almonds Expansion (PSP 23-064)
2. **APPLICANT/AGENT:** Treehouse California Almonds, LLC  
6914 Road 160  
Earlimart, CA 93219
3. **LOCATION:** The site is located at 6914 Road 160, Earlimart, CA 93219. The proposed is located on Tulare County APNs 318-290-005 & -006, and 319-060-019, -022 & -037, and is located within Sections 19 & 24, Township 23 S, Ranges 25 & 26 E of the USGS 7.5-minute Sausalito School quadrangle.
4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Treehouse California Almonds 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 Almonds plant near Delano in Kern County. This shelled raw product is then trucked to the Earlimart site for processing. The proposed Project is located at 6914 Road 160, Earlimart, CA 93219 and is located on five (5) parcels (APNs 319-060-019, -022, -037, and 318-290-005 & -006) totaling approximately 140 acres. The Project is split into two (2) development areas with the existing Earlimart processing facility located within the ±61.2-acre northern project area and the proposed new wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) proposed within the ±77.8-acre southern project area. The proposed Project consists of an expansion of the existing processing plant into four (4) phases, including construction of additional processing, warehouse, and canopy space, solar canopies, and a new WWTF to treat process wastewater for irrigation.
5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at the Resource Management Agency office located at the address above; at the Visalia Main Branch Library at 200 W. Oak Ave, Visalia, CA 93291, (559) 713-2700; Earlimart Library at 780 E. Washington Ave, Earlimart, CA 93219, (661) 849-2525; or on the County website at <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/planning-building/environmental-planning/mitigated-negative-declarations/treehouse-california-almonds/> .
6. **REVIEW PERIOD:** Friday, July 26, 2024, through Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

7. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner at (559) 624-7121 or [GMills@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:GMills@tularecounty.ca.gov) (para Español llame Brenda Alcantar (559) 624-7000).

The MND has a review period of **30 days**, starting on **Friday, July 26, 2024**, and ending on **Monday, August 26, 2024**, which has been approved by the State of California, Office of Planning and Research. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency at the address noted above, to the attention of: Gary Mills, Chief Environmental Planner.

After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the Tulare County Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law.

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Resource Management Agency within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing.

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