

**Notice of Exemption**

24-084

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
For U.S. Mail Street Address  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk  
County of Kings  
Kings County Government Center  
Hanford, California 93230

**FROM:** Kings County Community Development Agency  
Kings County Government Center  
Hanford, CA 93230

**PROJECT TITLE:**

Dairy Review Letter for Conversion No. 24-01 (Innovative Ag / M F Cattle)

**PROJECT APPLICANT:**

Chip Mello, M F Cattle, 11597 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hanford, CA 93230, (559) 816-4557

**PROJECT LOCATION - Specific:**

11336 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**PROJECT LOCATION - City**

Hanford

**PROJECT LOCATION - County:**

Kings

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

The applicant proposes to convert an existing bovine dairy to a sheep facility located at 11336 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hanford, Assessor Parcel Number 016-130-105. The existing bovine dairy facility is currently operating under Site Plan Review No. 06-22 which allows 1,110 head (800 milk cows, 200 dry cows and bred heifers, 60 heifers, and 50 baby calves) for a maximum of 1,420 animal units. Pursuant to Kings County Development Code Article 4, Section 414.D, the conversion factor of seven (7) sheep per one (1) dairy cow will allow M F Cattle Co. to convert to a sheep facility with a maximum sheep herd size of 7,770 sheep; however, this exceeds the previously approved animal units therefore the proposed site will be limited to 7,100 head of sheep.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:**

Kings County Community Development Agency, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Bldg. #6, Hanford, CA 93230, (559) 852-2670

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:**

Chip Mello, M F Cattle

**EXEMPT STATUS: (check one)**

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**


Section 4.g.1 of Resolution No. 16-001, *Kings County's Local Guidelines to Implement CEQA*, lists Site Plan Reviews conducted by the Zoning Administrator under the provisions of Article 16 of the *Kings County Development Code* as exempted projects. On April 24, 2006, the Community Development Agency Director approved Site Plan Review No. 06-22 that proposed to construct hay barns and a commodity barn at the existing bovine dairy facility, which was a ministerial project and exempt from environmental review under Section 15268 of the CEQA Guidelines and implemented through Kings County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 03-106 adopted on October 22, 2003. Since the approval of Site Plan Review No. 06-22, the Kings County Board of Supervisors has amended the Resolution to the current Resolution No. 16-001. The original exemption from environmental review for Site Plan Review No. 06-22 has not changed and still applies.

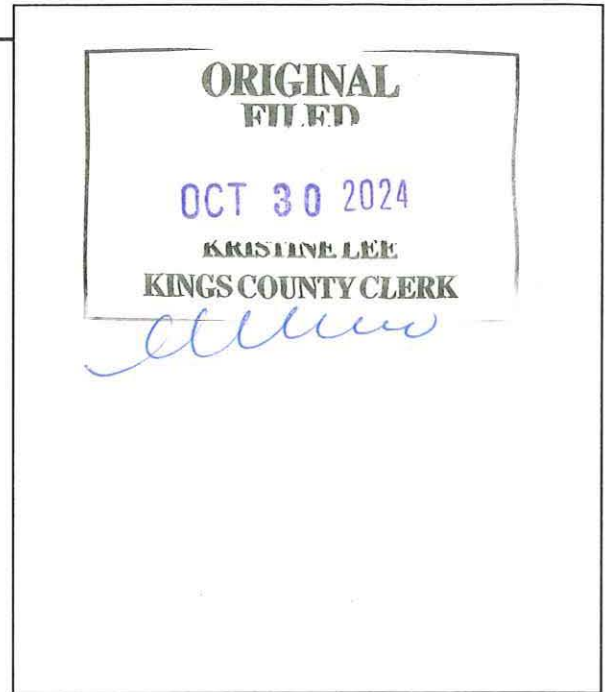
**CONTACT PERSON:**

Noelle Tomlinson

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

(559) 852- 2697

  
Signature: Noelle Tomlinson  
Title: Planner  
Date: 10/30/2024





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
24-084

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY CHIP MELLO, M F CATTLE	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/30/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING KINGS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
DAIRY LETTER FOR CONVERSION NO. 24-01 (INNOVATIVE AG/M F CATTLE)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CHIP MELLO, M F CATTLE	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 55598164557
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11597 6TH AVE	CITY HANFORD	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93230

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 County documentary handling fee \$ \$70.00  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$70.00**

SIGNATURE <i>x Martha Velasco</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Martha Velasco, Deputy County Clerk/Recorder
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