Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Modification No. MM24-012 to Administrative Application No. AA98-065 – Grand View Dairy

Project Applicant: MAAS Energy Works, LLC

Project Location: Located on the south side of East Childs Avenue, approximately 1000 feet east of South Burchell Street in the Le Grand area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 053-290-017

Project City: Le Grand **Project County:** Merced County

Project Description:

The project proposes to construct, install, and operate an anaerobic digester, processing pit, separator, and biogas equipment pad with a carbon dry H2S scrubber for the control of H2S with blowers and dryers accessory to an existing dairy facility (Grand View Dairy).

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 15301 (“Existing Facilities”) Section 15311 (“Accessory Structures”)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

☐ Other

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves constructing, installing, and operating an anaerobic digester, processing pit, separator, and biogas equipment pad with a carbon dry H2S scrubber for the control of H2S with blowers and dryers accessory to an existing dairy facility. 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 of animals. On-site employees, business or production output, and daily vehicle traffic for the dairy would not change.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ethan Her, Planner I

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