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TO: County Clerk, State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT: Notice of Intent for Administrative Application No. AA23-030
("Don Chapin Sand Dryer Plant Project")
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Equal Opportunity Employer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Merced intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting Initial Study (IS) for Administrative Application No. AA23-030 ("Don Chapin Sand Dryer Plant Project"), described below, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

LEAD AGENCY: County of Merced, Community & Economic Development Department
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION & LOCATION: The project proposes to construct and operate a new sand drying plant and precast concrete manufacturing facility as an addition/expansion to the adjacent Ready-Mix Concrete Batch Plant ("Don Chapin Ready Mix Concrete Batch Plant"). The project would include the construction and operation of a sand dryer plant and precast concrete manufacturing facility with an operations building, truck scale, and other associated equipment; three (3) storage buildings; and other associated features, including a precast shop office and breakroom, an employee parking area, concrete storage areas, a catch basin, a lined retention basin, and fencing. The project site is located on northeast side of Ingomar Grade, approximately 948 feet east of Volta Road in the Volta area, identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 081-060-086, 081-060-087, and 081-060-088. The project site is designated and Industrial land use in the General Plan and zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing).

PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENTS: January 30, 2025 to March 1, 2025

The IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address or above email no later than 5:00 PM on the end date of the public review period.

Copies of the IS/MND are available to review at the above address Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM and on the County's website at www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents.

The Merced County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the MND at a future date to be determined. This meeting will be separately noticed when the date and time are determined.

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