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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: State Clearinghouse, Local, State, Federal Agencies, and Interested Parties

FROM: Kings County Community Development Agency
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Building #6
Hanford, CA 93230
Contact: Victor Hernandez, Planner IV

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for:
Conditional Use Permit No. 24-03 (4Creeks / Sozinho Dairy No. 5)
State Clearinghouse No. 2025100441

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15050, Kings County (County) is the lead agency responsible for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project described below. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21091 and 21092, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines Sections 15105 and 15087, notice is hereby given that a Draft EIR (DEIR) for the project described below is available for public review during the public comment period outlined below. The County has prepared the DEIR to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project; discuss alternatives to the project; and propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will minimize, offset, or otherwise reduce or avoid those environmental impacts.

PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: The purpose of this notice is to: (1) serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a DEIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087 and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the DEIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Conditional Use Permit No. 24-03 (4Creeks / Sozinho Dairy No. 5)

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located on the southwest corner of 7th Avenue and Houston Avenue. 12252 7th Avenue, Hanford CA 93230, Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 016-200-005, 028, 029 and 035.

EXISTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES: The site is topographically flat and is bound by agricultural uses to the north, east, west and south, with some rural residences located to the north. The site is zoned AG-20, General Agricultural-20 Acre, by the Kings County Development Code and is designated as General Agriculture-20 Acre, by the Kings County General Plan. The site contains a dairy facility and six employee residences.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to expand an existing dairy facility located at 12252 7th Ave., Hanford, Assessor's Parcel Numbers 016-200-005, 028, 029 and 035. The expansion includes a manure processing area (200,000 sq.ft.), a post manure organic matter processing area (40,000 sq. ft.), a post biodynamic aerobic bed organic matter processing area (150,000 sq.ft.), a processing and product storage area (30,000 sq.ft.), one (1) reception pit, two (2) mechanical separators, one (1) 14' x 20' tank on a concrete pad for solid separation and collection, two (2) earthen berms, two (2) lift stations and five (5) process water processing beds. The proposal also includes improvements to the animal housing and operations areas of the dairy such as three (3) new feed storage areas, twelve (12) rows of calf hutches, one (1) freestall barn, one (1) maternity barn, twelve (12) shade structures over existing corrals, one (1) commodity barn, one (1) shop, and one (1) open lot corral.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Kings County has completed a DEIR for the proposed project. The environmental impact areas of Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse

Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems were determined to be less than significant with mitigation incorporation. The project was deemed to have a less than significant impact or no impact in all other areas of analysis.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The County welcomes input and comments regarding the DEIR, which is available for a public review period beginning **February 11, 2026**, and ending **March 30, 2026**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties, including members of the public, must submit any comments in response to this notice **no later than 45 days** after receipt of the notice.

The NOA and DEIR are available for public review on the Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation, CEQAnet Web Portal at <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov>

Individuals interested in a digital copy of the DEIR may also request one by emailing Victor Hernandez with the Kings County Community Development Agency at Victor.Hernandez@co.kings.ca.us

RESPONDING TO THIS NOTICE: The County will accept written comments regarding this notice through the close of business on **March 30, 2026**. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your written comments to Victor Hernandez, at the above address or by e-mail at Victor.Hernandez@co.kings.ca.us.

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