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2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
24-10/03/2025-0039

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
MERCED COUNTY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		10/03/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
MERCED COUNTY	2025-EIR-120

PROJECT TITLE

MINOR MODIFICATION NO. MM24-020

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
4CREEKS LLC			
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	**CITY**	**STATE**	**ZIP CODE**
2222 M STREET	MERCED	CA	95340

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$ 4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$ 2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$ 1,401.75	$

☒ 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	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 5178 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X Rebecca A. Munoz	REBECCA A. Munoz Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

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October 3, 2025

MATT H. MAY

COUNTY CLERK

By _____

Deputy Clerk

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

From: Merced County
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MM24-020 To Conditional Use Permit No. CUP13-0(

Project Applicant: 4Creeks, LLC

Project Location: Located on the North side of West Brazo Road and Santa Fe Grade Road, approximately 3,820 feet East of Canal School Road in the Newman Area, identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 054-060-004 & 054-060-008

Project City: Newman **Project County:** Merced County

Project Description:

The project proposes to construct, install, and operate an Anaerobic Digester and necessary infrastructure for Wastewater management, Biogas Production, and Biogas Conditioning within an existing dairy facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Merced, Community & Economic Development Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Yaniri Piza, 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"), 15311 ("Accessory Structures")

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

☐ Other

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves constructing, installing, and operating an Anaerobic Digester and necessary infrastructure for Wastewater management, Biogas Production, and Biogas Conditioning withing an existing dairy facility. The project does not involve an expansion or intensification of the dairy use or structures in terms of the area, space, or volume occupied by the dairy, or an increase in the number of animals. There would not be a change to businesses or production. The project site is designated Agricultural land use in the General Plan and zoned A-1 (General Agricultural). The existing use and accessory structures and equipment are uses permitted by the land use designation and zoning. The determination that the application requires no further CEQA review reflects the independent judgment of the County.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Yaniri Piza, Planner I

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 385-7654 ext. 4587

Signature& Date: Yaniri Piza Digitally signed by Yaniri Piza Date: 2025.10.03 10:06:24 -07'00'

Title: Planner I

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MERCED COUNTY CLERK

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