



KINGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Community Development Agency invites public review and comment on the environmental document listed below. The public review period begins on January 16, 2026, and ends on February 5, 2026. Written comments concerning the adequacy of the documents will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on February 5, 2026, at the Kings County Community Development Agency, at the Kings County Government Center, Engineering Building No. 6, 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, CA 93230. The documents are posted in the County Clerk's office and are also available at the Kings County Community Development Agency. If you would like to request an electronic copy of a document then please contact Noelle Tomlinson, with the Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697, or by email at noelle.tomlinson@co.kings.ca.us.

INITIAL STUDY PROPOSED AS NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

1. **Conditional Use Permit No. 25-05 (Thomas Bros. Gypsum Sales)** – The applicant is proposing to establish gypsum storage and sales as a soil amendment at an existing composting facility located at 20111 Excelsior Ave., Riverdale, Assessor's Parcel Number 004-062-003. The facility proposes to store up to 30,000 tons of gypsum during peak season (9 months) and up to 10,000 tons during off peak season (3 months). During the peak season, approximately 20 trucks per day are anticipated, which could increase to 30 trucks per day in the future. The facility will operate six (6) days a week during the peak season with approximately 4,676 truck trips, which could increase to 7,015 trips in the future. Gypsum will be stored in a designated area on site to prevent dust generation, contamination, and runoff. This storage area will be managed in compliance with air quality and stormwater control regulations to minimize environmental impacts. The enriched compost will be sold to local farmers, providing them with a high-quality, affordable soil amendment that supports healthier crop yields and sustainable farming practices. The facility's operations ensure that gypsum sales will not interfere with existing composting activities or create significant additional impacts on traffic, noise, or air quality.

The Kings County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the environmental document for the proposed project that is listed above. The public hearing will be tentatively held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 P.M., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, in Administrative Building No. 1, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009, subdivision (b), if you challenge Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 25-05 (Thomas Bros. Gypsum Sales) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Kings County Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Interested parties are invited to appear and present evidence or make statements of fact regarding the proposed project. For more information regarding the proposed project please call Noelle Tomlinson, Planner, of the Kings County Community Development Agency, at (559) 852-2697.

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