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LEAD AGENCY MERCED COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 02/04/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING MERCED COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-EIR-022	
PROJECT TITLE		

MINOR MODIFICATION NO. MM24-018 TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP12-014-MATOS DAIRY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME MATOS DAIRY (C/O MAAS ENERGY WORKS, INC.)	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 385-7654
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2222 M STREET	CITY MERCED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 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) \$ 4,227.50 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,437.25 \$ _____

☒ 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

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Lea Holguin Deputy Clerk

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

From: Merced County
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

February 4, 2026

MATT H. MAY
COUNTY CLERK

By *Leah H. Halpin*
Deputy Clerk

Project Title: Minor Modification No. MM24-018 to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP12-014-Matos Dairy
Project Applicant: Matos Dairy (C/O Maas Energy Works, Inc.)
Project Location: North side of West Oak Avenue, approximately 924 feet east of South Quinley Avenue in the Merced Area, identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 215-140-001 and 215-140-002.
Project City: **Project** Merced County
County: Merced County
Project Description:

The project proposes to install, construct and operate a covered lagoon digester, sand lane, separators, biogas equipment pad and associated accessory equipment to 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 installing, constructing, and operating an anaerobic covered lagoon digester, sand lane, separators, biogas equipment pad and associated equipment 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, 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

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Signature & Date:

Title: Planner I

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Yaniri Piza

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