

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

To: Interested Persons

From: County of Merced
Department of Community and Economic Development
2222 "M" Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7686

Contact: Mark Hamilton, Planner IIII

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Double Diamond Dairy Expansion project (Conditional Use Permit No. CUP25-007)**

Merced County is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Double Diamond Dairy Expansion project. Merced County will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed dairy expansion project as described in the attached Initial Study. We need to know the views of interested persons, agencies, and organizations as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR. Agencies should comment only on the environmental resources that are within the agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

The description, location, and the probable environmental effects of the proposed dairy expansion project are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study and all project related documents can be obtained at the Community and Economic Development Department, 2222 'M' Street, Merced, CA 95340. This information is also available for download from the Merced County Planning Department website at:

<https://www.countyofmerced.com/414/Environmental-Documents>

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Mark Hamilton, Planner III, at the Merced County address shown above. If an organization or agency, please include the name of a contact person so that we have the ability to contact you further during the EIR preparation process.

Project Title: Double Diamond Dairy

Project Applicant: Double Diamond Dairy
505 E. Washington Road
El Nido, CA 95317

Project Location: 505 E. Washington Road, El Nido, CA 95317

Date: 06/17/2026

Signature: *Mark E. Hamilton*

Mark Hamilton, Planner

CC: State Clearinghouse