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SCH #**Project Title:** Double Diamond Dairy Expansion Project

Lead Agency: County of Merced

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City: Merced

Zip: 95340

County: Merced

Project Location: County: Merced

City/Nearest Community: El Nido

Cross Streets: East Washington Road, State Highway 59

Zip Code: 95317

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 06 ' 43 " N / 120 ° 29 ' 01 " W Total Acres: 188

Assessor's Parcel No.: 075-074-001

Section: 31

Twp.: 9 South

Range: 14 East

Base: Mount Diablo Principal

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 59

Waterways:

Airports: n/a

Railways: n/a

Schools: El Nido Elementary School

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Other: _____

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☒ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☐ Other: _____**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Educational: _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Recreational: _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Other: Dairy - herd increase from 9,870 to 15,430**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☐ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other: _____**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Agriculture / General Agricultural (A-1) / General Agricultural (A)

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Applicant requests Conditional Use Permit No. CUP25-007 to expand the existing Double Diamond Dairy on an approximately 188 acre site in unincorporated Merced County. The project would allow construction of new dairy facilities, including free stall barns, a maternity barn, and a milking parlor, to support an increase in herd size from about 9,870 to approximately 15,430 animals. The expansion would occur within the existing dairy footprint on previously disturbed land. Existing facilities and the on site waste management system, including lagoons, separators, and land application of wastewater and manure to about 1,990 acres of cropland, would continue to operate. Project implementation would allow continued and expanded dairy operations with minor increases in truck traffic and no proposed General Plan amendments, zoning changes, subdivisions, or new off site infrastructure.

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☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>10</u>	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☐ Resources Agency
☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☐ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☐ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
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☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	☐ Other: _____
☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 18, 2026 Ending Date July 20, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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