

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #**Project Title:** Gemperle Family Farms Manure Pelletizing FacilityLead Agency: Merced CountyContact Person: Mark HamiltonMailing Address: 2222 M Street, 2nd FloorPhone: (209) 385-7654City: MercedZip: 95340County: Merced**Project Location:** County: MercedCity/Nearest Community: HilmarCross Streets: Fowler Road, North Lander AvenueZip Code: 95324Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 26 ' 16.08 " N / 120 ° 51 ' 12.3 " W Total Acres: 8Assessor's Parcel No.: 045-100-033Section: 3Twp.: 6 SouthRange: 10 EastBase: TurlockWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 165Waterways: Lateral #6 Irrigation CanalAirports: n/aRailways: n/aSchools: See Attached**Document Type:**CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

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Acres _____

☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____

Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. 166,000Acres 8Employees 15☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____

Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Power: Type _____

MW _____

☐ Educational: _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Recreational: _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____

MGD _____

☐ Other: _____**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 Agriculture (A-1)/Agriculture**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

Gemperle Family Farms proposes to construct and operate a manure-based fertilizer pelletizing facility on an approximately 8-acre portion of a 40.55-acre property in Merced County. The project would centralize the storage of poultry manure from nearby applicant-owned egg-layer farms and process the material, along with fertilizer amendments, into stabilized, pelletized fertilizer products for commercial sale.

The project involves construction and operation of three primary buildings totaling approximately 166,000 square feet, along with associated equipment, internal driveways, parking, utilities, and supporting infrastructure necessary to produce organic fertilizer pellets. The overall site layout, building locations, access routes, and supporting improvements are illustrated on the site plan.

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☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☐ Caltrans District # _____	☐ 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
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☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☒ Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u>
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☐ Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date July 16, 2026 Ending Date August 17, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>SWCA Environmental Consultants</u>	Applicant: <u>Gemperle Family Farms</u>
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City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA, 95825</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Turlock, CA 95380</u>
Contact: <u>Lee Moore</u>	Phone: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Mark Hamilton Date: 07/28/2026

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Completion – Additional Project Information

Schools within 2 miles: Elim Elementary School, Hilmar Elementary School, Hilmar Middle School, and Hilmar High School are located within a 2-mile radius of the project site.

Other Local Actions:

- Building permits for all new structures
- Grading permit
- Well and/or septic system permits
- Approval or recordation of a fire water line easement on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 045-100-034
- Adoption of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)