



County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
STEVEN E. WHITE, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

For County Clerk's Stamp

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7492 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7492 and **UNCLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3619** filed by **POMWonderful, LLC**, proposing to allow the construction and operation of an anaerobic digester at the existing POM Wonderful fruit processing facility (previously approved by Classified Conditional Use Permit Nos. 2220, 2559, 2618, and 2668) to process up to 125,000 tons of pomegranate waste and pomegranate juice wastewater per year from the onsite extraction facility to produce bio-methane for pipeline injection, a dewatered cake for land application or composting, optional food and beverage-grade carbon dioxide gas, and filtrate that will be treated by the onsite wastewater treatment plan and used for irrigation of the alfalfa plants surrounding the facility. No increase in the amount of wastewater produced or permitted for application is proposed as part of this application. The proposed digester will be located at the intersection of American Avenue and Del Rey Avenue, APN 350-230-01S, a portion of the larger POM Wonderful site which includes the following APNS: 350-031-11, -13, -63S, 64, 66, 350-230-17, and -19S (land application area); 350-230-01S, -07ST, -08, -09S, -10, -11T, -12T, -13, -14S, -15S, and -21S (fruit processing facility operations). Address: 5286 S. Del Rey Avenue, Del Rey, CA 93616 (Sup. Dist. 4). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7492 and take action on Unclassified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3619 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7492 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 20, 2020 through June 19, 2020.

Email written comments to cmonfette@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
Attn: Chrissy Monfette
2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

IS Application No. 7492 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the State Clearinghouse Webpage, or at www.co.fresno.ca.us/initialstudies. An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from PLANNER at the addresses above.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 25, 2020 at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions please call Chrissy Monfette (559) 600-4245.

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