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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC

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Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 20-005– Azevedo Dairy No. 4 Expansion SCH#2021020149

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been completed that evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project identified as the Conditional Use Permit No. CUP20-005 – Azevedo Dairy #4 Expansion. A public review period has been established for the Draft EIR commencing on **August 31, 2021** and ending on **October 15, 2021**.

Conditional Use Permit CUP20-005 proposes to merge an existing dairy with an adjacent heifer ranch, and increase the herd size by 2,270 animals over existing numbers. The project includes construction of supporting buildings and facilities, and would result in the conversion of 26 cropped acres to active dairy facilities. The project site is located at the southeast corner of W. Roosevelt Road and S. Vineyard Way in the El Nido area. The property is designated Agricultural land use in the General Plan and zoned A-1 (General Agricultural). PN

The Draft EIR identifies the following potentially significant environmental effects associated with the project: air quality and odors, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, energy and greenhouse gas emissions, hazards (nuisance insects), hydrology and water quality, and land use. The DEIR concludes that the proposed project could result in significant unavoidable impacts. Mitigation Measures are included.

All persons interested in obtaining copies of the Draft EIR and technical studies are invited to contact the County of Merced as follows:

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OR ONLINE AT: http://www.co.merced.ca.us/414/Environmental-Documents

Printed copies of the draft EIR and technical studies are available at the address shown above Monday through Friday, except holidays, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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