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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be viewed on the County website at https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa public review.html, Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123. These draft documents can also be reviewed at the Ramona Library, located at 1275 Main Street, Ramona, California 92065. Comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

<u>DEMLER MANURE PROCESSING FACILITY, PDS2019-MUP-19-004, LOG NO. PDS2019-ER-19-09-001.</u> The Demler Manure Processing Facility Major Use Permit (Project) proposes to construct a poultry manure processing facility that would process manure from the existing egg ranch operations and would not process manure from off-site locations. The proposed 16,200-square foot manure processing facility will include a conveyor belt system, manure drying system, sanitation device, cooler, and pelleting mill. The Major Use Permit area covers 3.4 acres of the 362-acre site.

The existing Demler Brothers Egg Ranch currently houses roughly two million chickens that produce approximately 750 tons of manure per week. Henhouses on the ranch can accommodate up to three million chickens which could produce approximately 1,125 tons of manure per week. Three million chickens are allowed under the existing operations. The existing egg ranch is a by- right use under current County zoning and therefore not considered part of the proposed project nor the Major Use Permit (MUP) application.

The Project site is subject to the General Plan Regional Category Rural, Land Use Designation Rural Lands (RL-40). Zoning for the site is General Agriculture (A72). The site is developed with an existing Pine Hill Egg Ranch facility that will be retained. Access is provided by a private driveway connecting to Highway 78.

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than **February 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** and can be mailed to the address listed above or emailed to <u>Angelica.Truong@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>. For additional information, please contact Angelica Truong at (619) 323-8950 or by e-mail at <u>Angelica.Truong@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>.

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