

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk/Recorder
County of Stanislaus
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From: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
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Project Title: Foster Farms - Sierra Vista Ranch
(District project No. N-1181371)

Project Location: 12812 Claribel Road
Waterford, CA 95386

Project Lead Agency: Stanislaus County Planning Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SJVAPCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SJVAPCD

Name of Applicant: Foster Farms - Sierra Vista Ranch

Applicant Address: 12812 Claribel Road
Waterford, CA 95386

Description of Project: Foster Farms - Sierra Vista Ranch requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit for the construction of eight new, naturally ventilated poultry shelters to its existing ranch for the purpose of raising the existing turkeys as "free-range." Each new shelter will have a capacity of 12,500 birds, for a total of 100,000 birds to be moved into the proposed new shelters. The ranch has a total capacity of 242,722 birds, and of these, 100,000 birds will be relocated from existing shelters on the ranch to the eight new shelters to allow more space for the birds to roam within the shelters. Therefore, with the addition of the new shelters, there will be no change in the facility-wide allowable number of birds at this ranch, which is 242,722 birds.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
 Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
 Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
 Categorical Exemption:
 Statutory Exemptions:
 General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

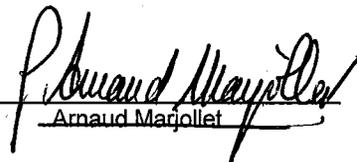
Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is the construction of eight new, naturally ventilated poultry shelters added to an existing ranch, with each shelter having a capacity of 12,500 birds, for a total of 100,000 existing birds to be moved into the proposed new shelters. Because there will be no increase in the total number of birds, and based on the District's analysis showing that there will be no potentially significant emissions resulting from construction of the new shelters, District staff concludes that there is substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed project would not cause any adverse impacts on the environment. The District finds that the project is exempt per the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CCR §15061(b)(3)).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephanie Palmer

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Signature:


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Title: Director of Permit Services

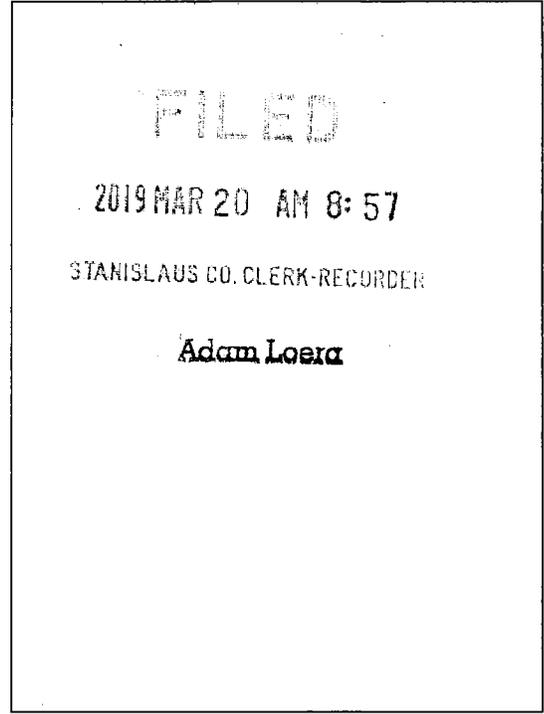
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