

# PRODUCERS DAIRY EIR SCOPING MEETING

February 3, 2020

Fresno City Hall, Council Chambers  
(located at 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721)

De Novo Planning Group

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# PURPOSE OF TODAY'S SCOPING MEETING

- To receive input from the public and interested agencies on the environmental issues that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should address.
- To enhance public participation as part of the project's review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Today's meeting is NOT intended as a forum to discuss the merits or design of the proposed project.



# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- **What is an EIR?**
  - An informational document describing the anticipated environmental effects of implementing a project, as required by CEQA.
  - Acts as a forum for public participation in the environmental review process.
  - An EIR includes Mitigation Measures to reduce potential adverse environmental impacts.
  - An EIR does not advocate or promote the project.



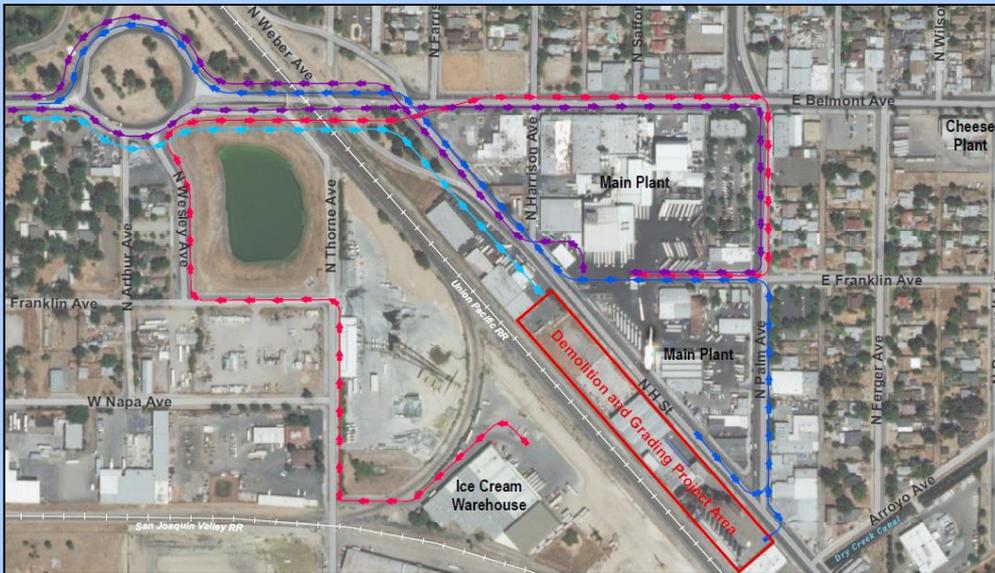
# PROJECT LOCATION



- Located at 250 E. Belmont Avenue
- **Truck Movement Project Area:** includes the Demolition and Grading Project Area (discussed below), the Producers Dairy Main Plant, the Producers Dairy ice cream warehouse, and the Producers Dairy cheese plant property, as well as the roadways in the area which are used for the existing and proposed truck movements.
- **Demolition and Grading Project Area:** includes the segment of H St. proposed for abandonment (between Belmont Ave. and Palm Ave.) and the area between H St. and the UPRR tracks.



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The project would include the following components and characteristics:

- demolition of all structures along H St. (north of Arroyo Ave. and south of N. Harrison Ave.);
- grading and new paved parking lot for diesel milk trucks; and
- closure and relinquishment of H St. from Belmont Ave. to Palm Ave.

Approximately 3.69 acres (or 160,865 square feet) of land currently developed with a range of old, abandoned feed mill and silos would be paved.

No changes or expansions of existing operations and shipment volumes is proposed as part of this project.



# ENTITLEMENTS REQUESTED

- Demolition, grading, and other permits as necessary for project construction;
- Approval of a Development Permit Application with the City's Planning and Development Department;
- Approval of a Street Vacation Application with the City's Public Works Department;
- Abandonment and relinquishment of H St. and the associated right-of-way;
- Adoption of the EIR; and
- Adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).



# ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE EIR

The following environmental topics identified in Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines will be analyzed in the EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Cultural and Tribal Resources
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation and Circulation
- Cumulative Impacts
- Growth Inducing Impacts



# NOTICE OF PREPARATION

- Public review period ends on February 20, 2020
- Comments can be submitted:
  - Today (orally or in writing)
  - By email
  - By mail



# NEXT STEPS

- Public Draft EIR
  - 45-day public review and comment period
- Final EIR
  - Written responses to comments, and any changes made to the Draft EIR
- Certify the EIR
- City to consider the project applications



# SCHEDULE

- Notice of Preparation – Public Review
  - January 22 to February 20, 2020
- Public Scoping Meeting
  - February 3, 2020
- Notice of Availability – Draft EIR Public Review (45 days)
  - TBD (Estimated Late Spring/Early Summer 2020)
- Release Final EIR
  - TBD (Estimated Summer 2020)
- Public Hearings – EIR Certification/Project Consideration
  - TBD (Estimated Late Summer/Early Fall 2020)



# KEY INFORMATION

The IS-NOP is available for review at the City of Fresno. An electronic copy can be emailed to you if requested.

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