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Producers Dairy - Draft Environmental Impact Report

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PROJECT TITLE: Producers Dairy

PROJECT LOCATION: The Producers Dairy project site (project site) is located at 250 E. Belmont Avenue in Fresno, California. There are two aspects of the project location that are addressed in the environmental document: (1) The Truck Movement Project Area, and (2) The Demolition and Grading Project Area. The Truck Movement Project Area includes the Demolition and Grading Project Area, 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. The Demolition and Grading Project Area includes the segment of H Street proposed for abandonment (between Belmont Avenue and Palm Avenue) and the area between H Street and the UPRR tracks.

The project site is not included on the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List maintained by the Department of Toxic Substances Control).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes the construction and operation of a new truck parking facility located at 315/339 N. H Street. The project would include the following components and characteristics:

- demolition of all structures along H Street (north of Arroyo Avenue and south of N. Harrison Avenue);
- grading and new paved parking lot for diesel milk trucks; and
- closure and relinquishment of H Street from Belmont Avenue to Palm Avenue, which would result in rerouting of traffic onto other routes including Palm Avenue. The primary reroutes include rerouted traffic from:
 - o Northbound H Street north of Palm Avenue;
 - Southbound H Street south of Belmont Avenue; and
 - o Southbound Weber Street south of Thomas Avenue.

Approximately 3.55 acres (or 154,638 square feet) of land currently developed with a range of old, abandoned feed mill and silos within the Demolition and Grading Project Area would be paved.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR has identified the following environmental issue areas as having significant and unavoidable environmental impacts from implementation of the project: Cultural Resources, Noise, and Transportation and Circulation. All other environmental issues were determined to have no impact, less than

significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation measures incorporated into the project.

Public Review Period: A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on July 31, 2020 and end on September 14, 2020. Due to closures of public facilities in response to COVID-19, the Draft EIR will be available for viewing through online links to the documents as well as additional viewing methods at City Hall.

Written comments concerning the Draft EIR are due by 5:00 p.m., September 14, 2020 and should be submitted to:

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Or via email to: phillip.siegrist@fresno.gov

If we do not receive a response from your agency or organization, we will presume that your agency or organization has no response to make.

Address Where Copy of Draft EIR Is Available For Review: City of Fresno, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA. Please contact Phillip Siegrist, Planner III, at (559) 621-8061 or phillip.siegrist@fresno.gov for information on obtaining a copy of the Draft EIR.

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