



**CEQA Referral  
Initial Study and  
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration,  
Notice of Application for Permit to Operate a Food Processing  
By-product Use Site, and  
Notice of Public Meeting**

**Date:** January 11, 2010

**To:** Distribution List (Attachment A), Property Owners and Interested Parties

**From:** Department of Environmental Resources

**Subject:** JND Thomas Co., Inc. Application for Permit to Operate a Food Processing By-product Use Site

**Comment Period:** January 13, 2010 – February 11, 2010

**Respond By:** February 11, 2010

**Public Meeting Date and Location:** January 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 South Second Avenue, Oakdale, CA

**Public Hearing Date:** Not yet scheduled. Upon request, a separate notice will be sent to you when a hearing is scheduled.

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You may have previously received notice regarding this project, and your comments, if provided, were incorporated into the Initial Study. Based on all comments received, Stanislaus County anticipates adopting a Negative Declaration for this project. This referral provides notice of a 30-day comment period during which Responsible and Trustee Agencies and other interested parties may provide comments to this department regarding our proposal to adopt the Negative Declaration.

All applicable project documents are available for review at: Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C, Modesto, CA 95358. Please provide any additional comments in writing to the above address, to the attention of Vicki Jones, Sr. Resource Management Specialist. Please contact Ms. Jones at (209) 525-6710 if you have any questions. Thank you.

At the above noticed public meeting time and place, interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Material submitted to Stanislaus County for consideration (i.e. photos, petitions, etc.) will be retained by the County. If a challenge to the above project is made in court, persons may be limited to raising only those issues they or someone else raised at the public meeting described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Environmental Resources.

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**Applicant:** JND Thomas Co., Inc.

**Project Locations and APNs:** Generator of food processing by-products as a soil amendment:  
ConAgra Foods, 554 S. Yosemite Ave, Oakdale includes APNs 063-024-002, 063-024-008, 063-024-009, and 063-024-020  
Five parcels proposed for land application located in the unincorporated areas of the County:  
**Parcel 1(a):** Ellenwood Rd., west side of road, Waterford (also

known as 3000 Crow Rd., Oakdale) – APN 015-003-004;

**Parcel 1(b):** Ellenwood Rd., east side of road, Oakdale (also known as 4000 Ellenwood, Oakdale) – APN 015-081-048;

[Parcel 2: Voluntarily removed from the project]

**Parcel 3(a):** 28 Mile Rd., east side of road, Valley Home – APN 002-009-005;

**Parcel 3(b):** Sonora Rd., south side of road, Oakdale – APN 002-021-011;

**Parcel 3(c):** Frankenheimer Rd., west side of road, Oakdale – APN 002-021-048

**Williamson Act  
Contract:**

APNs: 015-003-004, 015-081-048, 002-009-005, 002-021-011, and 002-021-048

**General Plan:**

Unincorporated County land application areas: Agricultural  
The four ConAgra Foods facility parcels are located in Oakdale city limits; general plan designation is industrial.

**Zoning:**

Unincorporated County land application areas: A-2-40  
The four ConAgra Foods facility parcels are located in Oakdale city limits; zoning is LM – limited industrial.

**Project Description:** Applicant(s) has applied for a Stanislaus County Food Processing By-product Use permit for land application of food processing by-products. This project includes the land-application of food processing by-product mud, consisting of tomato and bean plant material and soil rinsed from the produce, dredged from the ConAgra facility large aerated pond and by-product rinse mud generated from the rinsing of produce prior to processing to be utilized as soil amendments on active farmland and orchards. These activities would be performed and enforced under the Stanislaus County Ordinance, Chapter 9.88 for food processing by-product use. Subject land application parcels total approximately 1,878 acres. With required by-product application setbacks and excluded application area at Parcel 3(c), subject land application parcels total approximately 1,500 usable acres for by-product application. Land application may occur throughout the year. Application of by-product materials would not exceed limits based on agronomic rates for the crops and trees that are planted.

**Full document with attachments available for viewing at: [www.stancounty.com/er/ceqa.shtm](http://www.stancounty.com/er/ceqa.shtm)**

**JND Thomas Co., Inc. Application for Permit to Operate a Food Processing By-product Use Site**  
Attachment A

Distribution List

X	AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER		NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION
	ALLIANCE	X	PARKS & FACILITIES
	ANIMAL SERVICES	X	PLANNING
X	BUILDING PERMITS DIVISION: STEVE TREAT	X	PUBLIC WORKS: ANGIE HALVERSON JUDY LINDSAY - DRAINAGE
X	CAL TRANS	X	PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSPORTATION BILL CARDOZA - MORGAN RD TRAFFIC
X	CALIF. DEPT. OF FOOD AND AG	X	RAILROAD: BURLINGTON NORTHERN/SANTA FE RAILROAD; UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
X	CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION		REDEVELOPMENT
X	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE	X	REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL
X	CITY OF OAKDALE: PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS	X	SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY APCD
	COMMUNITY SERVICES / SANITARY DIST	X	SCHOOL DIST 1: OAKDALE JOINT UNIFIED
X	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION	X	SCHOOL DIST 2: WATERFORD UNIFIED
X	CORPS OF ENGINEERS	X	SCHOOL DIST 3: VALLEY HOME JOINT
X	COUNTY COUNSEL	X	SHERIFF
	COUNTY OF:	X	STAN CO ERC
X	DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION Land Resources / Mine Reclamation	X	STAN CO FARM BUREAU
	DEPT OF FORESTRY	X	STANISLAUS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
X	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES	X	STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
X	FIRE PROTECTION DIST: OAKDALE RURAL FIRE DIST, STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED		STATE LANDS COMMISSION
X	FISH & GAME	X	SUPERVISOR DIST #: 1 WILLIAM O'BRIEN
X	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	X	SURROUNDING LAND OWNERS
X	HOSPITAL DIST: OAK VALLEY	X	TELEPHONE COMPANY: AT&T
X	IRRIGATION DIST: OAKDALE		TRIBAL CONTACTS
X	LAFCO		TUOLUMNE RIVER TRUST
X	MOSQUITO DIST: EASTSIDE	X	UNITED STATES MILITARY AGENCIES (SB 1462) (5 agencies)
X	MOUNTAIN VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	X	US FISH & WILDLIFE
X	MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL: VALLEY HOME MAC		WATER DIST:

**STANISLAUS COUNTY  
CEQA REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM**

**TO:** Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources  
Attn: Vicki Jones, Sr. Resource Management Specialist  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite C  
Modesto, CA 95358

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT:** JND Thomas Co., Inc. Application for Permit to Operate a Food Processing By-product Use Site

Based on this agency's particular field(s) of expertise, it is our position the above described project:

- Will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- May have a significant effect on the environment.
- No Comments.

Listed below are specific impacts which support our determination (e.g., traffic general, carrying capacity, soil types, air quality, etc.) - (attach additional sheet if necessary)

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Listed below are possible mitigation measures for the above-listed impacts *PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHEN THE MITIGATION OR CONDITION NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED (PRIOR TO RECORDING A MAP, PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, ETC.):*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

In addition, our agency has the following comments (attach additional sheets if necessary).

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Response prepared by:

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Name Title Date