



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
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The Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report to address the environmental issues associated with a Use Permit request to expand an existing dairy, "Foster Farms Dairy 4", by adding four freestall barns, a maternity barn, a proposed rotary milk barn and nine exercise pens so that the modified dairy would house a total of 3,520 cows. This would represent an increase of 2,690 cows from existing numbers. The project site is located in the unincorporated area of Stanislaus County at the northeast corner of Hickman Road and E. Keyes Road, south of Hickman and northeast of Denair.

The existing Foster Farms Dairy 4 and the proposed expansion are located on an approximate 38-acre portion of two larger parcels, identified as Stanislaus County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 019-041-032 (322 acres) and 019-041-033 (288 acres). The remainder of the two parcels listed above would continue to be used for the application of manure process water and the growth of forage crops.

The following issues are likely to produce significant environmental impacts in reviewing and considering the project: Air Quality, Hazards (Nuisance Insects), and Water Quality.

The proposed actions for which the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is being prepared include: certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report, the issuance of a Use Permit by the County of Stanislaus, and the approval of a Notice of Intent, General Waste Discharge Order (or other applicable approval such as an NPDES permit) by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The DEIR contains the full project description, a description of the project site and environmental setting, the site specific and cumulative environmental effects and mitigation measures associated with the project, an evaluation of project alternatives, and a mitigation monitoring program. Copies of this report are available for review at the following locations:

Denair Library
4801 Kersey Road
Denair, CA 95316

Stanislaus County
Planning and Community Development
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 3400
Modesto, CA 95354

The DEIR is also posted on the Stanislaus County web site:

www.stancounty.com/planning/pl/act-proj/other/Foster-Farms/foster-farms.shtm

The DEIR has a review period of 45 days, starting on February 22, 2010, and ending on April 9, 2010. All written comments on the DEIR should be sent to the: Stanislaus County Department of Planning and Community Development, 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 3400, Modesto, CA 95354 - Attention: Joshua Mann, Associate Planner. For further information, please call (209) 525-6330, or email: mannj@stancounty.com