

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Notice is hereby given that the County of Fresno has prepared Initial Study Application (IS) No. 7749 pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following proposed project:

INITIAL STUDY APPLICATION NO. 7749 and **CLASSIFIED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 3661** filed by **ERIKSSON, LLC**, proposing to allow expansion to an existing pistachio processing facility on a 40.20-acre parcel in the AE-20 (Exclusive Agricultural, 20-acre minimum parcel size) Zone District. The project site is located on the east side of S. Wetslawn Avenue approximately 1,321 feet south of its intersection with W. Cerini Avenue and 3,550 feet northwest of the unincorporated community of Lanare (19210 S. Westlawn, Riverdale, CA) (SUP. DIST. 4) (APN 053-420-02S). Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Initial Study Application No. 7749 and take action on Classified Conditional Use Permit Application No. 3661 with Findings and Conditions.

(hereafter, the "Proposed Project")

The County of Fresno has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project. The purpose of this Notice is to (1) provide notice of the availability of IS Application No. 7749 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and request written comments thereon; and (2) provide notice of the public hearing regarding the Proposed Project.

Public Comment Period

The County of Fresno will receive written comments on the Proposed Project and Mitigated Negative Declaration from May 8, 2020 through June 8, 2020.

Email written comments to eahmad@fresnocountyca.gov, or mail comments to:

Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
Attn: Ejaz Ahmad
2220 Tulare Street, Suite A
Fresno, CA 93721

IS Application No. 7749 and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed at the above address Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (except holidays). An electronic copy of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project may be obtained from Ejaz Ahmad at the addresses above.

*** SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DUE TO COVID-19 ***

Due to the current Shelter-in-Place Order covering the State of California and Social Distance Guidelines issued by Federal, State, and Local Authorities, the County is implementing the following changes for attendance and public comment at all Planning Commission meetings until notified otherwise. The Board chambers will not be open to the public. Any member of the Planning Commission may participate from a remote location by teleconference. Instructions about how to participate in the meeting will be posted to: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planningcommission> 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approving the Proposed Project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration on June 11, 2020, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Room 301, Hall of Records, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California 93721. Interested persons are invited to appear at the hearing and comment on the Proposed Project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

For questions, please call Ejaz Ahmad at (559) 600-4204

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