

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND
THE PROPOSED SIGNIFICANT MODIFICATION OF FEDERALLY
MANDATED OPERATING PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District solicits public comment on the proposed significant modification of Merced Power, LLC for its biomass-fired power plant at 30 W Sandy Mush Road, El Nido, California. The applicant proposes to change the SOx emission limit averaging period from 1 hour rolling average to 3 hour rolling average and remove the 15-minute averaging period for PM10 and VOC.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project #N-1113811, is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm and the District office at the address below. There are no emission increases associated with this proposed action. This will be the public's only opportunity to comment on the specific conditions of the modification. If requested by the public, the District will hold a public hearing regarding issuance of this modification. For additional information, please contact Mr. Jim Swaney, Permit Services Manager, at (559) 230-5900. Written comments on the proposed initial permit must be submitted within 30 days of the publication date of this notice to DAVID WARNER, DIRECTOR OF PERMIT SERVICES, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 1990 E. GETTYSBURG AVE, FRESNO, CA 93726-0244.