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Frank Goni Lerda Farms Dairy 18797 Avenue 142 Tulare, CA 93274

Notice of Final Action - Authority to Construct RE:

Project Number: S-1073290

Dear Mr. Goni:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued Authority to Construct permits to Lerda Farms Dairy for the expansion of an existing dairy operation from a maximum capacity of 650 lactating cows, 300 dry cows and 260 total support stock to a maximum capacity of 1,500 lactating cows. 368 dry cows and 1,564 total support stock, at 18797 Avenue 142 in Tulare.

Enclosed are copies of the Authority to Construct permits and a copy of the notice of final action to be published approximately three days from the date of this letter.

Notice of the District's preliminary decision to issue this Authority to Construct was published on July 23, 2012. The District's analysis of the proposal was also sent to CARB on July 18, 2012. No comments were received following the District's preliminary decision on this project.

Also enclosed is an invoice for the engineering evaluation fees pursuant to District Rule 3010. Please remit the amount owed, along with a copy of the attached invoice, within 60 days.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jim Swaney at (559) 230-5900.

Sincerely,

David Warner

**Director of Permit Services** 

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**Enclosures** 

Seyed Sadredin Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer





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Mike Tollstrup, Chief Project Assessment Branch Stationary Source Division California Air Resources Board PO Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

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# NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT PERMITS

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The application review for Project #S-1073290 is available for public inspection at http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public\_notices\_idx.htm and the SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 1990 EAST GETTYSBURG AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93726.





PERMIT NO: S-6537-6-1 ISSUANCE DATE: 08/27/2012

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: LERDA FARMS/LUCE TOM

MAILING ADDRESS: 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

**LOCATION:** 18797 ROAD 142

TULARE, CA 93274

## **EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

MODIFICATION OF 680 COW MILKING OPERATION WITH ONE 50-STALL (PARALLEL) MILK PARLOR: INCREASE NUMBER OF MILK COWS TO 1,500, AND REPLACE OLD MILKING PARLOR WITH NEW 70-STALL (DOUBLE 35) PARALLEL MILKING PARLOR

## CONDITIONS

- 1. Upon presentation of appropriate credentials, a permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the District to enter the permittee's premises where a permitted source is located or emissions related activity is conducted, or where records must be kept under condition of the permit. [District Rule 1070]
- 2. Upon presentation of appropriate credentials, a permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the District to have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit. [District Rule 1070]
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- 4. Permittee shall flush or hose down the milk parlor immediately prior to, immediately after, or during each milking. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 5. Permittee shall provide verification that milk parlors are flushed or hosed prior to, immediately after, or during each milking. [District Rule 4570]

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DAVID WARNER, Director of Permit Services

- 6. Permittee shall keep and maintain all records for a minimum of five (5) years and shall make records available to the APCO and EPA upon request. [District Rule 4570]
- 7. This permit does not authorize the violation of any conditions established for this facility in the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Special Use Permit (SUP), Site Approval, Site Plan Review (SPR), or other approval documents issued by a local, state, or federal agency. [Public Resources Code 21000-21177: California Environmental Quality Act]





PERMIT NO: S-6537-7-1 ISSUANCE DATE: 08/27/2012

**LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR:** LERDA FARMS/LUCE TOM

MAILING ADDRESS: 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

**LOCATION:** 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:** 

MODIFICATION OF COW HOUSING - 680 MILK COWS NOT TO EXCEED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 980 MATURE COWS (MILK AND DRY); 260 TOTAL SUPPORT STOCK (HEIFERS, CALVES AND BULLS) AND 1 FREESTALL BARN AND OPEN CORRALS WITH A FLUSH SYSTEM: INCREASE NUMBER OF COWS TO 1,500 MILK COWS NOT TO EXCEED A COMBINED TOTAL OF 1,868 MATURE COWS (MILK AND DRY); AND 1,564 TOTAL SUPPORT STOCK (HEIFERS, CALVES AND BULLS); CONSTRUCT THREE NEW FREESTALL BARNS, ONE NEW LOAFING BARN, 14 NEW CORRALS WITH SHADE STRUCTURES AND FLUSH SYSTEM; AND CALF HUTCHES WITH A FLUSH SYSTEM

## **CONDITIONS**

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- 4. The total number of cows housed at this dairy at any one time shall not exceed any of the following limits: 1,500 milk cows; not to exceed a combined total of 1,868 mature cows (milk and dry); and 1,564 support stock (heifers, calves and bulls). [District Rule 2201]
- 5. Permittee shall pave feedlanes, where present, for a width of at least 8 feet along the corral side of the feedlane fence for milk and dry cows and at least 6 feet along the corral side of the feedlane for heifers. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- The concrete feed lanes and walkways for milk cows shall be flushed at least four times per day. [District Rule 2201 and 4570]
- 7. The concrete feed lanes and walkways for all other cows shall be flushed at least two times per day. [District Rule 2201 and 4570]
- 8. Permittee shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate that feed lanes and walkways are flushed at least four times per day for milk cows and at least two times per day for all other cows. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 9. All animals at this dairy shall be fed in accordance with the National Research Council (NRC) guidelines utilizing routine dairy nutritionist analyses of rations. [District Rule 2201]
- 10. At least one of the feedings of the heifers at this dairy shall be near (within one hour of) dusk. [District Rule 2201]
- 11. Inspection for potholes or other sources of emissions shall be performed on a monthly basis. [District Rule 2201]
- 12. Firm, stable, and not easily eroded soils shall be used for the exercise pens. [District Rule 2201]
- 13. A supply of fill soil shall be kept on site in order to fill areas where erosion and gouging occurs. This will help fill areas where puddles may form. This fill soil shall be covered with a tarp. [District Rule 2201]
- 14. Clean rainfall runoff shall be diverted around exercise pens to reduce the amount of water that is potentially detained on the corral surface. [District Rule 2201]
- 15. Permittee shall remove manure that is not dry from individual cow freestall beds or rake, harrow, scrape, or grade freestall bedding at least once every seven (7) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 16. Permittee shall record the date that manure that is not dry is removed from individual cow freestall beds or raked, harrowed, scraped, or freestall bedding is graded at least once every seven (7) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 17. Permittee shall inspect water pipes and troughs and repair leaks at least once every seven (7) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 18. Permittee shall maintain records demonstrating that water pipes and troughs are inspected and leaks are repaired at least once every seven (7) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 19. Permittee shall clean manure from corrals at least four (4) times per year with at least sixty (60) days between each cleaning, or permittee shall clean corrals at least once between April and July and at least once between September and December. [District Rule 4570]
- 20. Permittee shall record the date that animal waste is cleaned from corrals or demonstrate that manure from corrals are cleaned at least four (4) times per year with at least sixty (60) days between each cleaning. [District Rule 4570]
- 21. Open corrals shall be scraped weekly using a pull-type scraper in the morning hours, except when this is prevented by wet conditions. [District Rule 2201]
- 22. Open corrals shall be equipped with shade structures. The shade structures shall be installed in a North/South orientation. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 23. Permittee shall implement at least one of the following corral mitigation measures: 1) slope the surface of the corrals at least 3% where the available space for each animal is 400 square feet or less and shall slope the surface of the corrals at least 1.5% where the available space for each animal is more than 400 square feet per animal; 2) maintain corrals to ensure proper drainage preventing water from standing more than forty-eight hours; or 3) harrow, rake, or scrape pens sufficiently to maintain a dry surface except during periods of rainy weather. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 24. Permittee shall either 1) maintain sufficient records to demonstrate that corrals are maintained to ensure proper drainage preventing water from standing for more than forty-eight hours or 2) maintain records of dates pens are groomed (i.e., harrowed, raked, or scraped, etc.). [District Rule 4570]

- 25. Permittee shall clean concreted lanes such that the depth of manure does not exceed twelve (12) inches at any point or time. [District Rule 4570]
- 26. Permittee shall measure and document the depth of manure on the concrete lanes at least once every ninety (90) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 27. Permittee shall knockdown fence line manure build-up prior to it exceeding a height of twelve (12) inches at any time or point. Manure depth may exceed 12 inches when corrals become inaccessible due to rain events. However, permittee must resume management of the manure depth of 12 inches or lower immediately upon the corral becoming accessible. [District Rule 4570]
- 28. Permittee shall measure and document the depth of manure at the fence line at least once every ninety (90) days. [District Rule 4570]
- 29. Calf housing, if present, shall consist of aboveground hutches over paved flush lanes. [District Rule 2201]
- 30. Permittee shall establish windbreaks along the entire length of the Eastern and Southern boundaries of the dairy site. The first row (closest to the dairy) shall consist of Arizona Cypress trees spaced ten feet apart. The second row shall consist of Walnut trees spaced twenty feet apart. Each row shall be offset from the adjacent row. Spacing between rows shall be sufficient to accommodate cultivation equipment. This spacing shall not exceed 24 feet. Any alternative windbreak proposal must be approved by the District. [District Rule 2201]
- 31. Trees/shrubs that are initially planted as part of the windbreak shall have a minimum container size of five gallons.

  [District Rule 2201]
- 32. Windbreaks shall be irrigated and maintained for survivability and rapid growth. Dead trees and shrubs shall be replaced as necessary to maintain a windbreak density of 65%. [District Rule 2201]
- 33. Density shall be determined as the percentage of the background view that is obscured or hidden when viewing through the windbreak from 60 ft to 100 ft upwind of the rows. [District Rule 2201]
- 34. Permittee shall maintain records of: (1) the number of times concrete feed lanes and walkways are flushed per day, (2) the frequency of scraping and manure removal from open corrals; and (3) a log of pothole inspections performed at the dairy. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 35. Permittee shall maintain a record of the number of animals of each species and production group at the facility and shall maintain quarterly records of any changes to this information. [District Rule 4570]
- 36. Permittee shall keep and maintain all records for a minimum of five (5) years and shall make records available to the APCO and EPA upon request. [District Rule 4570]
- 37. This permit does not authorize the violation of any conditions established for this facility in the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Special Use Permit (SUP), Site Approval, Site Plan Review (SPR), or other approval documents issued by a local, state, or federal agency. [Public Resources Code 21000-21177: California Environmental Quality Act]





PERMIT NO: S-6537-8-1 ISSUANCE DATE: 08/27/2012

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MAILING ADDRESS: 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

**LOCATION:** 18797 ROAD 142

TULARE, CA 93274

### **EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

MODIFICATION OF LIQUID MANURE HANDLING SYSTEM CONSISTING OF TWO STORAGE PONDS. MANURE IS LAND APPLIED THROUGH FLOOD IRRIGATION AND FURROW IRRIGATION: ALLOW INCREASE IN THROUGHPUT DUE TO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COWS; INSTALL A MECHANICAL SEPARATOR AND AN ANAEROBIC TREATMENT LAGOON (700'X190'X20')

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- 4. The liquid manure handling system shall handle flush manure from no more than 1,500 milk cows; not to exceed a combined total of 1,868 mature cows (milk and dry); and 1,564 support stock (heifers, calves and bulls). [District Rule 2201]

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- 5. The liquid manure handling system shall include an anaerobic treatment lagoon designed, constructed and operated according to NCRCS Guideline No. 359. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 6. Permittee shall maintain design specifications, calculations, including Minimum Treatment Volume (MTV), Hydraulic Retention Time (HRT) demonstrating that the anaerobic treatment lagoon meets the requirements listed in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Code 359. [Districts 2201 and Rule 4570]
- 7. The average concentration of undissociated hydrogen sulfide (H2S) at the surface of the lagoon(s) and storage pond(s) shall not exceed 2.78 mg/L during the 1st calendar quarter (Jan March); 3.30 mg/L during the 2nd calendar quarter (Apr June); 4.25 mg/L during the 3rd calendar quarter (Jul Sept); and 3.42 mg/L during the 4th calendar quarter (Oct Dec). The concentration of undissociated H2S at the surface of each lagoon and storage pond shall be calculated using the monitored values for the total sulfide concentration, pH, and temperature. The fraction of total sulfide that is undissociated H2S shall calculated using the formula (10^-pH)/(10^-pH + Ka1), where Ka1 is the temperature-adjusted dissociation constant for H2S; or the procedures outlined in Standard Methods 4500-S2-H; or using other procedures approved by the District. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
- The total sulfide concentration, pH, and temperature at the surface of each lagoon and storage pond shall be monitored and recorded at least once every calendar quarter and at other times requested by the District. If the average calculated undissociated H2S concentration from monitoring the lagoon(s) and pond(s) exceeds the maximum allowed concentration, the permittee shall monitor and record the total sulfide concentration, pH, and temperature at the surface of at least two other locations in each lagoon and pond as soon as possible, but no longer than 24 hours after results were available from the initial monitoring indicating a potential exceedance. The undissociated H2S concentration calculated from the initial monitoring locations and the secondary monitoring locations for the lagoons and ponds shall be averaged. If the calculated average concentration of undissociated H2S continues exceed the maximum allowed limit, then the total sulfide concentration, pH, and temperature at the surface of each lagoon and storage pond shall be monitored and recorded monthly until three consecutive months of monitoring show compliance, after which the monitoring frequency may return to quarterly. For each secondary storage pond that has a liquid depth of no greater than 5 feet during the monitoring period, the concentration of undissociated H2S may be considered negligible and monitoring shall not be required. Records of the results of monitoring of the sulfide concentration, pH, and temperature at the surface of each lagoon and storage pond and the maximum depth of storage ponds during periods that they are not monitored shall be maintained. The District may also approve alternative monitoring frequencies and/or parameters. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
- 9. Monitoring of the total sulfide concentration of lagoons and ponds shall be performed using a sulfide test kit, a sulfide meter, procedures of an accredited lab, Standard Methods 4500-S2; ASTM D4658; USGS Method I-3840; EPA Method 376.2; Marine Pollution Studies Laboratory (MPSL) Standard Operating Procedure for measurement of sulfide; or an alternative method approved by the District. [District Rules 2201 and 4102]
- 10. Permittee shall remove solids with a solids separation system, prior to the manure entering the lagoon. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 11. Permittee shall not allow liquid manure to stand in the fields for more than twenty-four (24) hours after irrigation. [District Rule 4570]
- 12. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate liquid manure did not stand in the fields for more than twenty-four (24) hours after irrigation. [District Rule 4570]
- 13. Permittee shall keep and maintain all records for a minimum of five (5) years and shall make records available to the APCO and EPA upon request. [District Rule 4570]
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**PERMIT NO:** S-6537-9-1 **ISSUANCE DATE:** 08/27/2012

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: LERDA FARMS/LUCE TOM

MAILING ADDRESS: 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

LOCATION: 18797 ROAD 142

TULARE, CA 93274

## **EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

MODIFICATION OF SOLID MANURE HANDLING CONSISTING OF OPEN MANURE STOCKPILES, WITH SOLID MANURE APPLICATION TO LAND, AND/OR OFFSITE HAULING: ALLOW INCREASE IN THROUGHPUT DUE TO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF COWS

## CONDITIONS

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- 4. Within seventy two (72) hours of removal of solid manure from housing, permittee shall either 1) remove dry manure from the facility, or 2) cover dry manure outside the housing with a weatherproof covering from October through May, except for times when wind events remove the covering, not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours per event. [District Rule 4570]

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- 5. Permittee shall keep records of dates when manure is removed from the facility or permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that dry manure piles outside the pens are covered with a weatherproof covering from October through May. [District Rule 4570]
- 6. If weatherproof coverings are used, permittee shall maintain records, such as manufacturer warranties or other documentation, demonstrating that the weatherproof covering over dry manure are installed, used, and maintained in accordance with manufacturer recommendations and applicable standards listed in NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Code 313 or 367, or any other applicable standard approved by the APCO, ARB, and EPA. [District Rule 4570]
- 7. Permittee shall incorporate all solid manure within seventy-two (72) hours of land application. [District Rule 4570]
- 8. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that all solid manure has been incorporated within seventy-two (72) hours of land application. [District Rule 4570]
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MAILING ADDRESS: 18797 ROAD 142 TULARE, CA 93274

LOCATION: 18797 ROAD 142

TULARE, CA 93274

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:** 

FEED HANDLING AND STORAGE CONSISTING OF COMMODITY BARNS AND SILAGE PILES

## CONDITIONS

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- 4. Permittee shall feed all animals according to National Research Council (NRC) guidelines. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
- 5. Permittee shall maintain records of feed content, formulation, and quantity of feed additive utilized, to demonstrate compliance with National Research Council (NRC) guidelines. Records such as feed company guaranteed analyses (feed tags), ration sheets, or feed purchase records may be used to meet this requirement. [District Rule 4570]

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- 6. Permittee shall push feed so that it is within three feet of feedlane fence within two hours of putting out the feed or use a feed trough or other feeding structure designed to maintain feed within reach of the animals. [District Rule 4570]
- 7. Permittee shall maintain an operating plan/record that requires feed to be pushed within three feet of feedlane fence within two hours of putting out the feed, or use of a feed trough or other structure designed to maintain feed within reach of the animals. [District Rule 4570]
- 8. Permittee shall begin feeding total mixed rations within two hours of grinding and mixing rations. [District Rule 4570]
- Permittee shall maintain an operating plan/record of when feeding of total mixed rations began within two hours of grinding and mixing rations. [District Rule 4570]
- 10. Permittee shall store grain in a weatherproof storage structure or under a weatherproof covering from October through May. [District Rule 4570]
- 11. Permittee shall maintain records demonstrating grain is/was stored in a weatherproof storage structure or under a weatherproof covering from October through May. [District Rule 4570]
- 12. Permittee shall feed steam-flaked, dry rolled, cracked or ground corn or other steam-flaked, dry rolled, cracked or ground cereal grains. [District Rule 4570]
- 13. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate animals are fed steam-flaked, dry rolled, cracked or ground corn or other steam-flaked, dry rolled, cracked or ground cereal grains. Records such as feed company guaranteed analyses (feed tags), ration sheets, or feed purchase records may be used to meet this requirement. [District Rule 4570]
- 14. For bagged silage/feedstuff, permittee shall utilize a sealed feed storage system (e.g., ag bag). [District Rule 4570]
- 15. Permittee shall cover all silage piles, except for the area where feed is being removed from the pile, with a plastic tarp that is at least five (5) mils (0.005 inches) thick, multiple plastic tarps with a cumulative thickness of at least 5 mils (0.005 inches), or an oxygen barrier film covered with a UV resistant material. Silage piles shall be covered within seventy-two (72) hours of last delivery of material to the pile. Sheets of material used to cover silage shall overlap so that silage is not exposed where the sheets meet. [District Rule 4570]
- 16. Permittee shall maintain records of the thickness and type of cover used to cover each silage pile. Permittee shall also maintain records of the date of the last delivery of material to each silage pile and the date each pile is covered. [District Rule 4570]
- 17. Permittee shall select and implement one of the following mitigation measures for building each silage pile at the facility: Option 1) build the silage pile such that the average bulk density is at least 44 lb/cu ft for corn silage and 40 lb/cu ft for other silage types, as measured in accordance with Section 7.11 of District Rule 4570; Option 2) Adjust filling parameters when creating the silage pile to achieve an average bulk density of at least 44 lb/cu ft for corn silage and at least 40 lb/cu ft for other silage types as determined using a District-approved spreadsheet; or Option 3) build silage piles using crops harvested with the applicable minimum moisture content, maximum Theoretical Length of Chop (TLC), and roller opening identified in District Rule 4570, Table 4.1, 1.d and manage silage material delivery such that the thickness of the layer of un-compacted material delivered on top of the pile is no more than six (6) inches. Records of the option chosen as a mitigation measure for building each silage pile shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 18. For each silage pile that Option 1 (Measured Bulk Density) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, records of the measured bulk density shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 19. For each silage pile that Option 2 (Bulk Density Determined by Spreadsheet) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, records of the filling parameters entered into the District-approved spreadsheet to determine the bulk density shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 20. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, the permittee shall harvest corn used for the pile at an average moisture content of at least 65% and harvest other silage crops for the pile at an average moisture content of at least 60%. [District Rule 4570]
- 21. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, records of the average percent moisture of crops harvested for silage shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]

- 22. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, the permittee shall adjust setting of equipment used to harvest crops for the pile to incorporate the following parameters for Theoretical Length of Chop (TLC) and roller opening, as applicable: 1) Corn with no processing: TLC not exceeding 1/2 inch, 2) Processed Corn: TLC not exceeding 3/4 inch and roller opening of 1-4 mm, 3) Alfalfa/Grass: TLC not exceeding 1.0 inch, 4) Other silage crops: TLC not exceeding 1/2 inch. [District Rule 4570]
- 23. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, records that equipment used to harvest crops for the pile was set to the required TLC and roller opening for the type of crop harvested shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 24. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, the permittee shall manage silage material delivery such that the thickness of the layer of un-compacted material delivered on top of the pile is no more than six (6) inches. [District Rule 4570]
- 25. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Moisture, TLC, Roller Opening, & Material Delivery) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, the permittee shall maintain a plan that requires that the thickness of the layer of uncompacted material delivered on top of the pile is no more than six (6) inches. [District Rule 4570]
- 26. Permittee shall select and implement at least two of the following mitigation measures for management of silage piles at the facility: Option 1) manage silage piles such that only one silage pile has an uncovered face and the total exposed surface area is less than 2,150 square feet, or manage multiple uncovered silage piles such that the total exposed surface area of all uncovered silage piles is less than 4,300 square feet; Option 2) use a shaver/facer to remove silage from the silage pile, or shall use another method to maintain a smooth vertical surface on the working face of the silage pile; or Option 3) inoculate silage with homolactic lactic acid bacteria in accordance with manufacturer recommendations to achieve a concentration of at least 100,000 colony forming units per gram of wet forage, apply propionic acid, benzoic acid, sorbic acid, sodium benzoate, or potassium sorbate at the rate specified by the manufacturer to reduce yeast counts when forming silage piles, or apply other additives at rates that have been demonstrated to reduce alcohol concentrations in silage and/or VOC emissions from silage and have been approved by the District and EPA. Records of the options chosen for managing each silage pile shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 27. If Option 1 (Limiting Exposed Area of Silage) is chosen as a mitigation measure for managing silage piles, the permittee shall calculate and record the maximum (largest part of pile) total exposed area of each silage pile. Records of the maximum calculated area shall be maintained. [District Rule 4570]
- 28. For each silage pile that Option 2 (Shaver/Facer or Smooth Face) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, the permittee shall maintain records that a shaver/facer was used to remove silage from the pile or shall visually inspect the pile at least daily to verify that the working face was smooth and maintain records of the visual inspections. [District Rule 4570]
- 29. For each silage pile that Option 3 (Silage Additives) is chosen as a mitigation measure for building the pile, records shall be maintained of the type additive (e.g. inoculants, preservative, other District & EPA-approved additive), the quantity of the additive applied to the pile, and a copy of the manufacturers instructions for application of the additive. [District Rule 4570]
- 30. Permittee shall keep and maintain all records for a minimum of five (5) years and shall make records available to the APCO and EPA upon request. [District Rule 4570]
- 31. This permit does not authorize the violation of any conditions established for this facility in the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Special Use Permit (SUP), Site Approval, Site Plan Review (SPR), or other approval documents issued by a local, state, or federal agency. [Public Resources Code 21000-21177: California Environmental Quality Act]