

**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 Hilmar Cheese Company at 9001 N Lander Ave in Hilmar, California. The applicant proposes the addition of an anaerobic digester, replacement of a sulfur scrubber, and replacement of a digester gas-fired flare.

The District's analysis of the legal and factual basis for this proposed action, project #N-1131453, is available for public inspection at [http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public\\_notices\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm) and at any District office. 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, the District will hold a public hearing regarding issuance of this modification. For additional information, please contact the District at (559) 230-6000. Written comments on the proposed initial permit must be submitted by June 17, 2013 to **DAVID WARNER, DIRECTOR OF PERMIT SERVICES, SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT, 1990 EAST GETTYSBURG AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93726.**