NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Date:

From/Lead Agency/Applicant: San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District
1990 East Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726
559-230-6000

To: County Clerk/Recorder
County of Merced
2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

Project Title: Synagro West, Inc. dba El Nido/Central Valley Compost (District project No. N-1150015)

Project Location - Specific: 13757 S. Golden State Blvd

Project Location - City: Dos Palos, CA

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Project: Synagro West, Inc. dba El Nido/Central Valley Compost requested an Authority to Construct (ATC) permit for the seasonal storage of up to 10,000 wet-tons of biosolids at their existing co-composting facility. The proposed storage period is annually January 1 through June 30.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD

Name of Applicant: Synagro West, Inc. dba El Nido/Central Valley Compost

Applicant Address: 6943 N Golden State Blvd, Fresno, CA 93722

Exempt Status: (Check one)

☐ Ministerial: §21080(b)(1); 15268
☐ Declared Emergency: §21080(b)(3); 15269(a)
☐ Emergency Project: §21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)
☒ Categorical Exemption: § 15301 (Existing Facilities)
☐ Statutory Exemptions:
☐ General Exemption: Section 15061(b)(3)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The project is the seasonal storage of up to 10,000 wet-tons of biosolids at the existing co-composting facility. The proposed storage period is annually January 1 through June 30. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. District staff concludes that there is no substantial evidence in the whole record before the District that the proposed project would cause any adverse impacts on the environment. The District finds that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline §15301 (Existing Facilities).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Debbie Johnson

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Date: JUN 1 & 2016
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