

AUG 28 2017

Ben Pitman  
Pitman Family Farms  
1075 North Ave  
Sanger, CA 93657

**RE: Notice of Final Action - Authority to Construct**  
**Facility Number: S-7126**  
**Project Number: S-1163782**

Dear Mr. Pitman:

The Air Pollution Control Officer has issued the Authority to Construct permits to Pitman Family Farms for the modification of the existing broiler chicken ranch to increase the bird capacity in the existing barns, install 20 new barns for a total capacity of 1,140,000 broilers and to allow for an increase in manure production capacity, at 8777 & 8631 Road 88 and 8688 Road 84, Pixley. Enclosed are 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 the Authority to Construct permits was published on July 18, 2017. The District's analysis of the proposal was also sent to CARB on July 13, 2017. 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.

**Seyed Sadredin**  
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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4800 Enterprise Way  
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Mr. Ben Pitman  
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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Errol Villegas at (559) 230-6000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arnaud Marjollet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Arnaud Marjollet  
Director of Permit Services

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Enclosures

cc: Tung Le, CARB (w/enclosure) via email



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## **AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT (ATC)**

### **QUICK START GUIDE**

1. **Pay Invoice:** Please pay enclosed invoice before due date.
2. **Fully Understand ATC:** Make sure you understand ALL conditions in the ATC prior to construction, modification and/or operation.
3. **Follow ATC:** You must construct, modify and/or operate your equipment as specified on the ATC. Any unspecified changes may require a new ATC.
4. **Notify District:** You must notify the District's Compliance Department, at the telephone numbers below, upon start-up and/or operation under the ATC. Please record the date construction or modification commenced and the date the equipment began operation under the ATC. You may NOT operate your equipment until you have notified the District's Compliance Department. A startup inspection may be required prior to receiving your Permit to Operate.
5. **Source Test:** Schedule and perform any required source testing. See [http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/source\\_testing.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/source_testing.htm) for source testing resources.
6. **Maintain Records:** Maintain all records required by ATC. Records are reviewed during every inspection (or upon request) and must be retained for at least 5 years. Sample record keeping forms can be found at [http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/compliance\\_forms.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/busind/comply/compliance_forms.htm).

By operating in compliance, you are doing your part to improve air quality for all Valley residents.

**For assistance, please contact District Compliance staff at  
any of the telephone numbers listed below.**

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## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-7126-1-4

ISSUANCE DATE: 08/21/2017

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: PITMAN FAMILY FARMS  
MAILING ADDRESS: 1075 NORTH AVE  
SANGER, CA 93657

LOCATION: 8777 & 8631 ROAD 88 & 8688 ROAD 84  
PIXLEY, CA

### EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

MODIFICATION OF BROILER CHICKEN RANCH CONSISTING OF 612,000 BROILERS; 19 MECHANICALLY VENTILATED POULTRY HOUSES, INCLUDING FANS TOTALING 266 ELECTRIC HP: INCREASE THE BIRD LIMIT FROM 612,000 TO 704,000 BROILERS

## CONDITIONS

1. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. If a licensed veterinarian or a certified nutritionist determines that any VOC mitigation measure will be required to be suspended as a detriment to animal health or necessary for the animal to molt, the owners/operators must notify the District in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the determination including the duration and the specific health condition requiring the mitigation measure to be suspended. If the situation is expected to exist longer than a thirty-day (30) period, the owner/operator shall submit a new emission mitigation plan designating a mitigation measure to be implemented in lieu of the suspended mitigation measure. [District Rule 4570]
5. Emissions from the broiler chicken operation shall not exceed any of the following limits: 0.02 lb-PM10/bird/year; 0.025 lb-VOC/bird/year; and 0.0958 lb-NH3/bird/year. [District Rule 2201]

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6. The number of birds housed in each of the three 512 ft x 50 ft broiler houses (located near the northeast corner of the facility) shall not exceed 32,000 birds at any one time. The number of birds housed in each of the remaining sixteen 608 ft x 50 ft broiler houses (eight located at the west side of the facility and eight located at the east side of the facility) shall not exceed 38,000 birds at any one time. [District Rule 2201]
7. Permittee shall feed all animals according to National Research Council (NRC) guidelines. [District Rule 4570]
8. 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]
9. Permittee shall use a dry housing cleaning method at all times, except when a wet cleaning method is required for animal health or biosecurity issues. [District Rule 4570]
10. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that a dry housing cleaning method is maintained. For times when a wet cleaning method is required, the reason should be included as part of the records. [District Rule 4570]
11. Permittee shall use drinkers that do not drip continuously. [District Rule 4570]
12. Permittee shall inspect drinkers at least once every seven (7) days and adjust the height, volume, and location of drinkers if necessary. [District Rule 4570]
13. Permittee shall record the date that drinkers are inspected dates adjustments were made to the height, volume, and location of drinkers. [District Rule 4570]
14. Permittee shall inspect water pipes and drinkers and repair leaks daily. [District Rule 4570]
15. Permittee shall maintain records indicating that water pipes and drinkers are inspected daily and that any leaks are repaired. [District Rule 4570]
16. Permittee shall maintain a record of the number of animals of each species and production group in each poultry house and shall maintain quarterly records of any changes to this information. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
17. 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 Rules 1070 and 4570]
18. 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]



## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-7126-1-5

ISSUANCE DATE: 08/21/2017

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: PITMAN FAMILY FARMS  
MAILING ADDRESS: 1075 NORTH AVE  
SANGER, CA 93657

LOCATION: 8777 & 8631 ROAD 88 & 8688 ROAD 84  
PIXLEY, CA

### EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:

MODIFICATION OF BROILER CHICKEN RANCH CONSISTING OF 704,000 BROILERS; 19 MECHANICALLY VENTILATED POULTRY HOUSES, INCLUDING FANS TOTALING 266 ELECTRIC HP: INCREASE THE BIRD LIMIT FROM 704,000 TO 1,140,000 BROILERS AND CONSTRUCT TWENTY NEW BROILER HOUSES WITH THIRTEEN, 1 HP ELECTRIC FANS AND THREE 0.5 HP ELECTRIC FANS EACH

## CONDITIONS

1. Authority to Construct (ATC) S-7126-1-4 shall be implemented concurrently, or prior to the modification and startup of the equipment authorized by this Authority to Construct. [District Rule 2201]
2. Particulate matter emissions shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201]
3. 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]
4. 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]
5. If a licensed veterinarian or a certified nutritionist determines that any VOC mitigation measure will be required to be suspended as a detriment to animal health or necessary for the animal to molt, the owners/operators must notify the District in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the determination including the duration and the specific health condition requiring the mitigation measure to be suspended. If the situation is expected to exist longer than a thirty-day (30) period, the owner/operator shall submit a new emission mitigation plan designating a mitigation measure to be implemented in lieu of the suspended mitigation measure. [District Rule 4570]

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6. Emissions from the broiler chicken operation shall not exceed any of the following limits: 0.02 lb-PM10/bird/year; 0.025 lb-VOC/bird/year; and 0.0958 lb-NH3/bird/year. [District Rule 2201]
7. The number of birds housed in each of the three 512 ft x 50 ft broiler houses (located near the northeast corner of the facility) shall not exceed 32,000 birds at any one time. The number of birds housed in each of the sixteen 608 ft x 50 ft broiler houses (eight located at the west side of the facility and eight located at the east side of the facility) shall not exceed 38,000 birds at any one time. The number of birds housed in each of the remaining twenty 500 ft x 54 ft broiler houses shall not exceed 33,750 birds at any one time. [District Rule 2201]
8. Permittee shall feed all animals according to National Research Council (NRC) guidelines. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
9. 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 Rules 2201 and 4570]
10. Permittee shall use a dry housing cleaning method at all times, except when a wet cleaning method is required for animal health or biosecurity issues. [District Rule 4570]
11. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that a dry housing cleaning method is maintained. For times when a wet cleaning method is required, the reason should be included as part of the records. [District Rule 4570]
12. Permittee shall use drinkers that do not drip continuously. [District Rule 4570]
13. Permittee shall inspect drinkers at least once every seven (7) days and adjust the height, volume, and location of drinkers if necessary. [District Rule 4570]
14. Permittee shall record the date that drinkers are inspected dates adjustments were made to the height, volume, and location of drinkers. [District Rule 4570]
15. Permittee shall inspect water pipes and drinkers and repair leaks daily. [District Rule 4570]
16. Permittee shall maintain records indicating that water pipes and drinkers are inspected daily and that any leaks are repaired. [District Rule 4570]
17. Permittee shall use acidifying litter amendments in the 500 ft. x 54 ft. houses. The amendments shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. [District Rule 2201]
18. Permittee shall maintain records that acidifying litter amendments are used per the manufacturer's recommendations. [District Rule 2201]
19. All mortality in each 500 ft. x 54 ft. house shall be removed at least twice per day. [District Rule 2201]
20. Permittee shall maintain daily records of mortality removal in each broiler house. [District Rule 2201]
21. Permittee shall maintain a record of the number of animals of each species and production group in each poultry house and shall maintain quarterly records of any changes to this information. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
22. 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 Rules 1070 and 4570]
23. 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]



## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

PERMIT NO: S-7126-2-4

ISSUANCE DATE: 08/21/2017

LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR: PITMAN FAMILY FARMS  
MAILING ADDRESS: 1075 NORTH AVE  
SANGER, CA 93657

LOCATION: 8777 & 8631 ROAD 88 & 8688 ROAD 84  
PIXLEY, CA

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

MODIFICATION OF SOLID MANURE HANDLING SYSTEM CONSISTING OF OPEN LITTER STOCK PILES WITH LITTER HAULED OFFSITE: ALLOW AN INCREASE IN THE MANURE THROUGHPUT DUE TO AN INCREASE IN THE BROILER LIMIT FROM 612,000 TO 704,000

### 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]
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4. Within seventy two (72) hours of removal of solid manure from housing, permittee shall either 1) remove all litter/manure from the facility, or 2) cover litter/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 litter/manure is removed from the facility; manure hauling invoices may be used to meet this requirement, or permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that litter/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]
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