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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #:				
Project Title: Hilmar Cheese Company Major Modification To Condition	onal Use Permit 08-011			
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Project Location: Hilmar	Merced County			
City	County			
Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).				

The proposed project consists of an application for a modification to existing CUP #08-011 to allow for the expansion of an existing facility located at 9001 North Lander Avenue in Hilmar, CA. The project site has been used for agricultural production and for processing cheese and other dairy products. The project would result in the construction of approximately 101,300 sf of new buildings and structures in Phase I and approximately 100,800 sf of new buildings and structures in Phase II. These buildings would be constructed in two phases over a 5-year period. The project includes approximately 114,000 sf of asphalt in Phase I and approximately 90,100 sf of asphalt in Phase II. A sphere of influence amendment and annexation of the project site area located south of August Avenue has been completed in the service boundaries of HCWD.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would have a less-than-significant impact with mitigation incorporated on the following resources: biology, hazards, transportation, and tribal cultural resources. The mitigation measures included in the proposed project are listed below:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Avoid disturbance of tree-, shrub-, and ground-nesting migratory birds and raptors (including Swainson's hawk) and conduct preconstruction nesting bird surveys.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Compensate for the loss of 11.4 acres of Swainson's hawk foraging habitat.

Mitigation Measure GHG-1: On-Site Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions

Mitigation Measure GHG-2: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offsets

Mitigation Measure HM-1: Perform Soil Testing on the Project Site

Mitigation Measure TR-1: Construction Management Plan

Mitigation Measure TR-2: Monitor Midblock Crossing on August Avenue

Mitigation Measure TCR-1: Standard Mitigation for Tribal Cultural Resources when no Tribal Cultural Resources have been Identified