

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE AUGUST MEADOWS EVENT VENUE PROJECT**

**To:** Interested Persons

**From:** County of Merced  
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Merced County is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed August Meadows Event Venue Project. Merced County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project.

The project site is located on the south side of August Avenue, 0.8 miles east of the unincorporated community of Hilmar in Merced County as described in the attached Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). Merced County is considering Conditional Use Permit Application No. CUP21-002 to allow the modification, expansion, and more frequent operation of an existing event venue, named August Meadows, located within an existing almond orchard.

The proposed IS/MND is available for public review from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the offices of the Merced County Community and Economic Development Department (address listed above) and online at the Merced County website at:

[www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=414](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=414)

The public comment period on the IS/MND begins on November 1, 2021 and closes on December 2, 2021. Comments may be submitted to "Pam.Navares@countyofmerced.com" and should include the phrase "August Meadows Event Venue Project IS/MND" in the subject line. The public hearing for the project is tentatively scheduled to be heard at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2021 during a meeting of the Merced County Planning Commission, located at 2222 'M' Street, Merced, CA 95340, Third Floor, Board Chambers. The live broadcast of the meeting will be also available to the public via a link on the Planning Commission page of the Merced County website:

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/411/Planning-Commission>.