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SUBJECT: Olam Tomato Processors, Inc., and Westlake Farms, Inc., Olam Tomato Processing Lemoore Plant, Kings County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of an Initial Study and Negative Declaration and Waste Discharge Requirements*

BACKGROUND: Olam Tomato Processors, Inc., (Olam) discharges tomato processing solids to a 13-acre parcel owned by Olam near its Lemoore tomato processing plant (Lemoore Plant). Olam also will discharge tomato processing wastewater to a new 995-acre Land Application Area owned by Westlake Farms, Inc., (Westlake). The new Land Application Area is west of Stratford and just south of the former Land Application Area. Tomato processing wastewater is generated from washing and condensing tomatoes and from the tomato remanufacturing process. Wastewater is collected in a common sump, screened, and stored in a lined aerated pond before being discharged to the Land Application Area. The Land Application Area will be cropped to take up water and plant nutrients in the wastewater. Groundwater in the area is of historically poor quality and the discharge is not expected to cause degradation or exceedances of water quality objectives.

ISSUES: Brown and Caldwell and BSK Associates Engineering & Laboratories submitted comments on behalf of Olam Tomato Processors, Inc., and comments were also received from the Native American Heritage Commission. Minor revisions were made to address the comments.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution approving the Initial Study and Negative Declaration and adoption of the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements.

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