

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION  
FOR THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF  
AN AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District solicits public comment on the proposed issuance of Authority to Construct/Permits to Operate to Pleasant Valley Farms in Farmington under project #N-1153374 for compliance with District Rule 4570 Confined Animal Facilities. This rule requires existing confined animal facilities to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds by implementing multiple mitigation measures. The draft permits are available for public inspection on the District's website ([www.valleyair.org/notices/public\\_notices.idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices.idx.htm)).

Written comments must be submitted within 30 days of the publication date of this notice to [publicnotices@valleyair.org](mailto:publicnotices@valleyair.org) or Small Business Assistance (SBA) at 1990 EAST GETTYSBURG AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93726.

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Air Pollution Control District*

## AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT

ISSUANCE DATE: DRAFT  
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**PERMIT NO:** N-8185-5-0

**LEGAL OWNER OR OPERATOR:** PLEASANT VALLEY FARMS

**MAILING ADDRESS:** 30636 E CARTER RD  
FARMINGTON, CA 95230

**LOCATION:** 30636 E CARTER RD  
FARMINGTON, CA 95230

**EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION:**

SOLID MANURE HANDLING AND AERATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF VARIOUS CONVEYORS AND WINDROWED MANURE STOCK PILES STORED UNDER A COVERED AREA; SOLID MANURE HAULED OFFSITE

## CONDITIONS

1. {3215} 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]
2. {3216} 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]
3. {4452} 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]
4. Manure aeration/drying system shall utilize exhaust air from the ventilation fans serving laying houses #33 and #34. Combustible fuel shall not be used as a source of heat for manure drying. [District Rule 2201]

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**YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE DIVISION AT (209) 557-6400 WHEN CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED AND PRIOR TO OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT OR MODIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT.** This is NOT a PERMIT TO OPERATE. Approval or denial of a PERMIT TO OPERATE will be made after an inspection to verify that the equipment has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and conditions of this Authority to Construct, and to determine if the equipment can be operated in compliance with all Rules and Regulations of the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. Unless construction has commenced pursuant to Rule 2050, this Authority to Construct shall expire and application shall be cancelled two years from the date of issuance. The applicant is responsible for complying with all laws, ordinances and regulations of all other governmental agencies which may pertain to the above equipment.

Samir Sheikh, Executive Director / APCO

Arnaud Marjollet, Director of Permit Services

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5. Within seventy two (72) hours of removal of solid manure from the interior manure storage area, 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]
6. 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 housing are covered with a weatherproof covering from October through May. [District Rule 4570]
7. {4528} 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]
8. {4453} 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 Rule 4570]

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700,000 BIRD POULTRY RANCH CONSISTING OF TEN MECHANICALLY VENTILATED CAGE-FREE AVIARY LAYING HEN HOUSES

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4. Particulate matter emissions from each poultry house shall not exceed 0.1 grains/dscf in concentration. [District Rule 4201]
5. No more than 174,508 birds shall be kept in each of the #33 and #34 laying hen houses at any time. [District Rule 2201]

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6. No more than a combined total of 700,000 birds shall be kept in all of the ten laying hen houses at any time. [District Rule 2201]
7. Emissions from poultry operation shall not exceed any of the following limits: 0.02712 lb-PM10/1,000 birds-day, 0.0548 lb-VOC/1,000 birds-day, or 0.075 lb-NH3/1,000 birds-day. [District Rule 2201]
8. Laying houses #33 and #34 shall be completely enclosed and mechanically ventilated with evaporative cooling pads, fans, and a computer control system. [District Rule 2201]
9. Laying houses #33 and #34 shall be equipped with a belt manure aeration and removal system that advances by a minimum of half the length of the belt every 24 hours. [District Rule 2201]
10. For laying houses #33 and #34, permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate that the belt advances by a minimum of half of its length every 24 hours. [District Rule 2201]
11. For laying houses #33 and #34, permittee shall maintain quarterly records of maintenance and repair activities associated with the belt manure aeration and removal system that includes the dates of maintenance and repair, and a description of any corrective actions taken. [District Rule 2201]
12. All mortality in laying houses #33 and #34 shall be removed at least once per day. [District Rule 2201]
13. Permittee shall maintain daily records of mortality removal in each poultry house. [District Rule 2201]
14. Permittee shall maintain records of dates manure is removed from each poultry house. [District Rule 2201]
15. Permittee shall use drinkers that do not drip continuously. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
16. Permittee shall inspect water pipes and drinkers and repair leaks daily. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
17. Permittee shall maintain records indicating that water pipes and drinkers are inspected daily, and that any leaks are repaired. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
18. Permittee shall feed animals an amino acid supplemented diet. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
19. Permittee shall maintain records to demonstrate animals are fed an amino acid supplemented diet. Records such as feed company guaranteed analyses (feed tags), ration sheets, or feed purchase records may be used to meet this. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
20. Permittee shall maintain daily records of the number of animals of each species and production group at the facility and records of any changes to this information. [District Rules 2201 and 4570]
21. Permittee shall maintain daily records of the total number of birds kept in each of the laying hen houses #33 and #34. [District Rule 2201]
22. Permittee shall maintain daily records of the total number of birds kept in the all ten laying hen houses. [District Rule 2201]
23. 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 2201 and 4570]

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