

Exhibit 7:  
Public Hearing Notice Fresno Bee

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### Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The City of Fresno is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Rendering Plant Project located at 5449 West Jensen Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 32703041T and 32703038T) within a large island of incorporated, City-owned property. The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code or other lists of hazardous sites. The proposed project includes relocating the Darling Ingredients, Inc. rendering facility from its current location on Belgravia Ave, just southwest of downtown, to the undeveloped, 40-acre, City-owned parcel east of the existing Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) and west of the PG&E substation. The facility would expand its peak daily processing operation from approximately 850,000 pounds to approximately 2 million pounds, which is consistent with the proposed permitted volume of up to 10 million pounds per week. The project site would require a Conditional Use Permit, a General Plan Amendment, and Rezone to allow the proposed industrial use. This Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (NOI) is to inform the public that the City has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. Rendering Plant Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be approved for this project. City of Fresno staff have reviewed the Initial Study for the project, and based upon substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) can be viewed at the City's Development and Resource Management Office located at 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3065, Fresno CA 93721 or accessed online at <https://www.fresno.gov/darm/planning-development/plans-projects-under-review/>. The City invites written public comment on the IS/MND between September 7 and October 9, 2017. Please mail written comments to Mike Sanchez, Assistant Director, Development and Resource Management, 2600 Fresno St, Room 3065, Fresno, CA 93721, or email comments to [Mike.sanchez@fresno.gov](mailto:Mike.sanchez@fresno.gov). A public Planning Commission hearing for the proposed project is tentatively scheduled for October 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 2600 Fresno Street, Second Floor. A public City Council hearing for the project is tentatively scheduled for October 26, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., also within the City Council Chambers. It should be noted that the approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately.