

PROPOSED KAMM AVENUE PROCESSING PLANT

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Kamm Avenue Processing Plant?

- A family-owned growing and processing operation is proposing to construct and operate a pistachio processing facility to process nuts from nearby orchards.

Where will the Kamm Avenue Processing Plant be located?

- Surrounded by open fields and pistachio orchards, the plant site is located in Cantua Creek on the south side of Kamm Avenue between Interstate 5 and Highway 33, about 1.5 miles north of Three Rocks.
- With direct access to both Interstate 5 and Highway 33, there will be no increased through traffic for the local community of Three Rocks.

Why does the family want to build this new plant?

- The family has been farming on the west side for over 25 years and would like to continue to invest in sustainable farming and irrigation practices allowing for job opportunities as well as growth and stability for the communities in which they operate.

How big will the plant be if constructed and when will construction start?

- The overall plant site will be 315 acres with the majority of plants operations occurring on 80 acres.
- If approved, construction is planned to begin in June of 2021 and extend through April 2022.
- The plant would begin partial operations in Fall 2021.

What is so special about this plant?

- The plant will allow for a hands-on, state of the art approach to pistachio processing.
- It will be able to process, store, and package 60 million pounds of pistachios for shipment to domestic and international markets.

How many employees will the plant have?

- When fully operational, the plant will have 60 full-time employees.
- During the 6-week harvest season, the plant will add an additional 60 seasonal employees.

Why is an Environmental Impact Report being prepared for the plant?

- To ensure that the plant's potential environmental impacts were considered as fully as possible.
- Completing the requirements of the Environmental Impact Report process ensures that the plant construction and operation will protect our community's water supplies, water quality, air quality, and other natural resources.

Air quality in our area is already poor, will plant operations create more pollution?

- No, the plant has been designed to be sustainable and will use new, energy efficient pistachio processing equipment that has been designed to meet the more stringent air pollution control standards of current times.
- Travel distances for growers will be reduced which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by the trucks hauling the nuts to be processed.



Will the plant use a lot of water?

- The plant will use a new water reduction system allowing it to use 40% less water than other processors and approximately 80-90% of the water used will be reused for irrigation purposes.

Is there enough groundwater available to support the plant?

- The plant's operations will have no impact on groundwater, using only surface water and then reusing the water for irrigation purposes.

Will residents who live near the plant face any noise, odor, or insect issues?

- With the plant location a mile from any residences, noise will not be an issue.
- Typically, pistachio processing plant odors and insects are due to nut hulls being dumped allowing them to grow mildew. Instead of dumping hulls at the plant, they will be hauled off-site to become a feed source for cattle.

Will there be chemicals stored on-site?

- Yes, chemical storage locations are common with nut processing plants.
- Plant operations will follow all local, state, and federal requirements related to the use and storage of chemicals used in the processing of the nuts.
- With the location of the proposed plant more than one mile from any residences, the plant would not create a hazard or safety risk that would affect the local residents.

What about fuel consumption and fuel emissions?

- The state-of-the art facility will be remarkably fuel efficient with automation that will reduce the use of forklifts by 30%.
- With its location near pistachio orchards, growers will be reducing travel time and distance to get their crops to the processing plant saving fuel and reducing emissions.

Will any of the plant buildings exceed the local height ordinances?

- The plant will have a total of 49 silos that do exceed height limits. The plant is located in a very rural setting and the silos have been laid out East to West and would be seen from cars traveling East to West on Kamm Avenue.

A Fresno Bee article said that the Kamm Avenue Processing Plant “would be the largest pistachio processing plant.” Is this accurate?

- No, this is inaccurate. The plant will process 60 million pounds of pistachios. There are two other pistachio processing plants operating in Northern California, one processes 200 million pounds and the other processes between 350-400 million pounds.

Where can I learn more about the plant and the Environmental Impact Report?

- For a link to the Environmental Impact Report or to provide comments and feedback scan the QR Code to be directed to the Kamm Avenue Pistachio Processing Plant webpage at: <http://www.KAPPproject.com>.

What if I still have questions or concerns?

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