



2/23/2022
Special City Council Meeting

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Marisa Avalos

From: Marissa Trejo <mrsjctrejo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:56 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public Comment for 2/23/22 City Council Meeting

As a lifelong resident of the City of Lemoore, I am fully aware of how important ag is to our community and I generally support all aspects of it. With this particular project, I believe that the beef harvesting plant at the NW corner of Jackson and 41 could be a great addition to the community. However, I am strongly opposed to the proposed cattle feedlot at the SW lot of 198 and 41. People who choose to purchase property and live in the country outside of City limits generally expect to experience some form of odors associated with ag, but those of us, your community members, who choose to invest in the City of Lemoore, should not be subjected to the constant offensive odor associated with a feedlot so close to our homes. COVID has already majorly impacted the way we live. Many community members have adopted healthier lifestyles as I now see many neighbors out walking each evening. Many others have created an oasis in their backyard to enjoy staycations instead of traveling. Several have adapted to gathering outside at parks instead of in their homes to help lessen their risk of catching COVID. These lifestyle changes should be able to be enjoyed, but no one will want to be outside in 110 degree weather with the smell of the feedlot consuming the air they breathe.

Again, I do not see a downside to the harvesting plant at 41 and Jackson, but please do not support the feedlot at 41 and 198. Supporting the feedlot supports reducing the quality of life for your community members.

Thank you,

Marissa Trejo

January 17, 2020

To: City of Lemoore/Lemoore City Council
711 W Cinnamon Drive
Lemoore, CA 93245

Via: email: citymanager@lemoore.com

Re: **OPPOSE Proposed Sandridge Cattle Beef Harvesting Plant and Feedlot**

On behalf of Family Eye Care Optometry, and Kings River Properties, LLC, I write to respectfully express our **opposition** to the Sandridge Cattle Beef Harvesting Plant and Feedlot at the proposed location at the Northwest section of Interstate 41 and Jackson Avenue.

As a Small Business Owner and Property Owner here in Kings County I strongly support economic development and welcome new businesses into Kings County. However, the proposed location of this business type in this location is a **HIGHLY INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE!** Having a large-scale feedlot downwind and this close to existing homes, West Hills College and the City of Lemoore is a recipe for disaster in many ways.

The environmental impact just from noxious odors, dust and runoff would be terrible for the Families and Property Owners of Lemoore. We do not have to look to far to see the effects this type of business has on air quality. Just look at the Harris Ranch Feedlot. You can see and smell it from easily ten miles away. We do not want Lemoore to have this in our "backyard"!

Small independent meat processors are much needed, and the Federal Government is about to dump millions of dollars to assist these types of operations to develop. This is NOT the right location for this type of business venture.

Mr. Vidovich owns a huge swath of land, formerly known as Westlake Farms that he has allowed to go fallow only to sell the water to Southern California. Maybe this would be a more appropriate location, far from existing residents.

Please **DENY** this Project for this current location and encourage Mr. Vidovich to find a more appropriate location for this business elsewhere in Kings County.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Garcia, OD
Owner, Family Eye Care Optometry
Owner, Kings River Properties, LLC

Marisa Avalos

From: Shannon Lorenzo <smlorenzo@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:48 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Feedlot at 198 & 41

Good afternoon,

I'm writing in response to the proposed feedlot to be located at 198 & 41. I would like to ask that City council members think twice about allowing this development so close to our community. In conducting some quick research on this topic, I find it very disturbing to think that it is even being considered. Research has shown that feedlots pose some major health issues for the communities that are located in close proximity.

Here are some key points that need to be analyzed before approving such development:

- 1- Runoff from feedlots may cause surface and groundwater pollution. Further contamination of our water does not come without health risks. Feedlots produce an amount of urine and feces equivalent to 16,000 humans.
- 2 - Feedlots generate dust and odor that is going to impact our neighboring homes.
- 3 - Emission of substances in the air that negatively impact the health of citizens living in the community. These health issues are typically that of respiratory diseases such as pulmonary disease and poor lung function. There is research to support this fact and it shouldn't be ignored.
- 4 - Manure contains a variety of contaminants that can contribute to an increase in debilitating health issues in our community. Manure production on feedlots is in the ballpark of 2,800 tons + a year. Manure dust clouds contribute to spreading bacteria in the air throughout the community.
- 5- Real estate values will likely decline due to the odor surrounding our community.

While I understand there's a need for agricultural businesses and more humane and organic producing feedlots, it's important to fully understand the impact its location will have on residents health and the economic impact to the community. A feedlot should be located in an area that is not so close to residential homes.

Thank you for taking the time to review some concerns I have regarding this proposed plan.

Sincerely,
Shannon Riggs

Marisa Avalos

From: Scott Goodrich <sg672@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 3:07 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 41 and 198 feedlot

The feedlot near 198 and 5 offers an unbelievable stench for miles as I travel on Interstate 5. Please DO NOT ALLOW THIS IN MY CITY!

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Feed Lot and Beef Harvesting Plant

Comments to council:

This meeting had a very short notice. I know a lot of people cannot attend this meeting in person or via Zoom as they are still working.

I still oppose this project as stated in my 17 January 2022 letter to council. I also sent this same letter to Kings County Planning Commission. I contacted Kings County planning commission and asked them again today for any information on this project and they stated they could not provide any as the project has not been placed on the agenda yet. Only information I can find is from the Hanford Sentinel and Lemoore Leader and from conversations in the community. I respectfully ask that the council take a pause, listen to this afternoon's comments, work with the developer to have a town hall meeting, invite Kings County and City Planning, Council Members, County Supervisors and others along with the Community to come and see what the developer has to present. Then schedule a Council Study Session after the project goes to Planning Commission but before it meets so the people of Lemoore can provide an opinion to their council and city manager concerning both the town hall and what is officially presented and released by County Planning. Then at that time the council with all the information provided can make an informed decision concerning the letter of opposition. As of right now we do not know what is going to be officially proposed to County Planning. We have conversations but until the documents are released, we only have conversations and handshakes and the days of the handshake unfortunately cannot be. That will get the city in trouble. This decision will affect the City of Lemoore for many years to come. I do have some questions if I may to ask the developer if allowed, please.

Questions for Developer:

1. Where is the exact location of this project? Both the slaughter house and Feed lot.
2. How many acres will each need?
3. How much land do you currently own in the project area and what are the road boundaries?
4. Who are the investors?
5. What is the anticipated traffic impact of this project to the existing infrastructure?
6. Are you anticipating a CA41 infrastructure upgrade to handle the increased traffic and what would this be?
7. How many existing wells are on the proposed project site and how many more are you need to create?
8. What is your anticipated water usage for both the feed lot and Harvesting plant? Will all water pumping be only used for this project or will it be used or sent to other areas?
9. Will there be any farming to go along with this project?
10. What will happen to the cow manure, urine and worn-out bedding?
11. How many retention basins or lagoons will be part of this project and what are each used for?
12. Will happen to the hides and other byproducts including scraps being handled?
13. The smell of cattle will be strong, what do you plan to do to mitigate this issue?
14. What are your plans to ensure there are no issues with ground water contamination?
15. What is your water conservation measures?

17 January 2022

Lemoore City Council

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

I am writing to express my opposition and concerns pertaining to the proposed cattle feed lot and slaughter house to be located in the area of CA 41 and CA 198 next to the City of Lemoore. I am respectfully asking Council to not support this project and to write a letter in opposition to this project to the Kings County Planning Commission and the Kings County Board of Supervisors.

Like myself, I feel many of the citizens of Lemoore embrace business development and expansion and feel that one should be able to develop the land they own but there is great concern about the proposed 789-acre beef feedlot and processing plant for the following reasons as the project is just too close to the City of Lemoore. This project also should be viewed in its full buildout potential.

1. I believe this project will decrease the property values in our city and hurt the real estate market in Lemoore. The Lemoore home market caters to the Military Correctional Officers, Military Retirees and the longtime local populace. We see others selling their homes in larger cities and moving to Lemoore to enjoy what Lemoore has to offer. We even have a Surf Ranch. The current home owners did not foresee this type of development happening. If this project happens the real estate home purchases in Lemoore will decline and existing homeowners might sell (if possible) to prevent loss of investment. This will have a grave affect to the General Fund.
2. Traffic will be an issue. There will be many semi-tractor trailers entering and leaving this facility either bringing cattle in or leaving with processed beef from the processing plant. CA 41 goes from a four lane to a two-lane highway in this area and is a major throughfare. My concern is that this increased traffic will increase traffic accidents unless the highway is developed to accommodate this. Parking/standing of these semi-tractor trailers will also become an issue as they are waiting turn to enter or exit.
3. The air quality in our city will diminish thus increasing the health issues/risk for our citizens.
4. The bio-waste hazard will be great from both the feed lot and the processing plant. More than likely this will be stored in some type of retention ponding basin until processed. This will also create great concern for odor. There is also concern for leaching of bio-waste into our current ground water.
5. The smell of cattle will be strong. Just drive by any large cattle feed lot to experience this. The onsite storage of cattle manure and urine waiting to be processed will be great.
6. Land degradation will happen and future developments in this area will be gravely impacted.
7. The increase water pumping to maintain the animals and processing plant would impact current land subsidence issues. This will also impact the water quality of the City of Lemoore and surrounding country homes.

Respectfully,

Dave Brown

Former Councilmember and Planning Commissioner City of Lemoore

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