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The Glenn County Board of Supervisors will Hold a Public Hearing at Their October 15th Meeting Concerning The Proposed Zoning Amendment Requiring a Conditional Use Permit For All New Confined Animal Facilities

Under the current Glenn County zoning codes, the local government is not a designated lead agency with reference to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The current county system allows dairies and other confined animal facilities to be built "by right" if they are a "permitted use" in a parcel's zoning designation.

However, this process is no longer deemed acceptable by the Regional Water Quality Control Board or the State Attorney General. Both individual producers who want to build dairies and Glenn County are vulnerable to legal challenges based on current environmental laws. Adoption of a conditional use permit process would resolve compliance issues. This action will avoid a moratorium on all new dairy construction in the county over the next two to three years, until a dairy element can be added to the general plan and a programmatic Environmental Impact Report can be completed for the entire county. The language of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is in this newsletter.

If the Board approves the zoning amendment, all **new** dairies will be required to get a Conditional Use Permit, which will trigger the CEQA review. Depending on the individual project, a Negative Declaration, a Mitigated Negative Declaration or a project EIR can fulfill the CEQA requirements. Dairies already in existence will be validated as legal, non-conforming uses. All interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting. This ordinance does not apply to the expansion of existing dairies. See next item.

Dairy Expansion to Be Discussed October 22nd

The topic of conditional use permits for dairy/confined livestock facility expansion is now under discussion by the Glenn County Livestock Operations Committee. They will be discussing expansion and how that might be defined in zoning codes at their next meeting on October 22. That meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room between 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF GLENN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19, ZONING,
OF THE GLENN COUNTY CODE
TO REQUIRE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
FOR CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES
(Zone Change #2002-01, Glenn County)**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GLENN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that substantial evidence does not exist that the action taken hereunder may cause a significant effect on the environment. The Board of Supervisors also finds and determines that this Amendment to Title 19, Zoning, of the Glenn County Code to require a conditional use permit for Confined Animal Facilities as described herein is consistent with all elements of the Glenn County General Plan.

Section 2: **Add “Confined Animal Facilities” to Section 19.040.020 Definitions** as follows:

CONFINED ANIMAL FACILITIES are cattle, calves, horses, sheep, goats, swine, or rabbits, corralled, penned, or otherwise caused to remain in restricted areas for agricultural-commercial purposes where feeding is other than grazing for more than 45 days during the year. Range pastures for livestock beef cattle are exempt from the definition of confined animal facilities. School project, 4-H, fairs and other individual educational projects are exempt from the definition of confined animal facilities.

Section 3: **Amend Section 19.23.190 B.** of “Livestock Operations” to read as follows”

B. Confined animal and manure handling facilities for livestock operations shall be located at least five hundred feet from any residential zoning district and five hundred feet from any school or high occupancy structures on neighboring parcels in any zoning district.

Section 4. **Add Section 19.32.030 N.** to the “FA” (Foothill Agricultural/Forestry) Zoning District, “Uses Permitted with a Conditional Use Permit” of Title 19, Zoning, of the Glenn County Code, as follows:

N. New confined animal facilities

Section 5. **Add Section 19.34.030 H.** to the “AP” (Agriculture Preserve) Zoning District “Uses Permitted with a Conditional Use Permit” of Title 19, Zoning, of the Glenn County Code, as follows:

H. New confined animal facilities

Section 6. **Add Section 19.35.030 E.** to the “FS” (Farmland Security) Zoning District “Uses Permitted with a Conditional Use Permit” of Title 19, Zoning, of the Glenn County Code, as follows

E. New confined animal facilities

Section 7. **Add Section 19.36.040 X.** to the “AE” (Agriculture Exclusive) Zoning District “Uses Permitted with a Conditional Use Permit” of Title 19, Zoning, of the Glenn County Code, as follows:

X. New confined animal facilities

Section 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and no further.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall take effect on _____, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Glenn.

August DHIA Averages for N. Sacramento Valley Herds

ROLLING HERD AVERAGE	BREED				Overall Average
	Brown Swiss	Holstein	Jersey	Other	
# of Cows	54	319	272	139	290
Lbs Milk	21696	20924	13677	16824	1862
% Fat	3.95	3.60	4.54	4.13	3.91
Lbs Fat	857	754	621	694	714
% Protein	3.38	3.01	3.62	3.38	3.23
Lbs Protein	734	649	497	568	598
Somatic Cell Count (1,000)	372	349	290	272	328
% CULL	38	32	27	27	30
Calving Interval	14.3	14.5	13.7	13.8	14.2
Average Services/Conception	3.8	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.9
Average days open	173	164	132	162	155
Percent conception at 1 st service	19.0	35.2	47.7	47.5	39.0