

Imported meats company construction plan approved for near Vineland industrial park

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VINELAND — Imported meat distributor Relema Inc. will move onto one of the West Garden Road properties the city acquired in recent years to supplement its adjacent industrial park.

City planners on Wednesday night unanimously approved a two-phase development plan from Relema, which intends to start with construction of 68,394 square feet of building.

The company also received preliminary approval for its phase two goal, expanding the facility to a total of 137,892 square feet.

Stefano Tedesco, a company representative, testified before the Planning Board that the facility will accept cured meats from European sources.

"So, we slice and repackage them, Tedesco said. "Then, we distribute nationwide."



Drawing of a proposed Relema Inc. meat processing and distribution facility to be built on West Garden Road near the Vineland Industrial Park. The drawing was displayed for the city Planning Board at a hearing Wednesday night. The project was approved. PHOTO: Feb. 8, 2023.

The roughly 12.3-acre property is on the north side of the 1600 block of West Garden Road, east of North Mill Road.

Voting to approve the design were Vice Chairman Michael Pantalione and members Doug Menz, Sandy Velez, Nilsa Rosario, and David Catalana. Chairman David Manders was recused.

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