

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Aemetis Biogas LLC Dairy Biogas Cluster Notice of Availability of Supplemental Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

#### **WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?**

In January 2021, Stanislaus County (County) adopted a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Aemetis Biogas LLC to construct approximately 32.5 miles of biogas pipeline located in unincorporated Stanislaus and Merced Counties. In August of 2021, the County issued an Addendum to the IS/MND to include improvements on 17 private dairies to connect to biogas collection facilities at each location. Since then, additional lateral pipeline extensions have been identified that will need to be constructed to service 21 additional private dairies in Stanislaus and Merced County. The pipeline would provide transmission of biogas collected from privately owned dairy farms to a central Biogas Cleanup Plant co-located at the Aemetis Advanced Fuels ethanol facility in Keyes, CA.

#### **WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?**

Stanislaus County has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the findings of the studies is the Supplemental Initial Study with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for this project. This notice is to advise you that the preparation of this report has been completed and is available for public and agency review.

#### **WHAT'S AVAILABLE?**

A Supplemental Initial Study with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposed project and is available for public review beginning July 14, 2023 through August 13, 2023. During the public review period, a copy of the draft Supplemental IS/MND and all supporting documents will be available at: Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358.

#### **WHERE DO YOU COME IN?**

Do you have any comments about the Supplemental Initial Study and processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of the study as set forth in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than August 13, 2023 to Stanislaus County, ATTN: Chris Brady, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358. You can also submit your comments via e-mail to [abakker@dokkenengineering.com](mailto:abakker@dokkenengineering.com).

Pending review of all public comments, Stanislaus County will consider a decision to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and, if so approved, direct staff to proceed with the Final Design of the proposed project.

#### **CONTACT**

For more information, or to receive a copy of the draft Initial Study, please contact Chris Brady at [abakker@dokkenengineering.com](mailto:abakker@dokkenengineering.com) or (209) 525-4130.