

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**MUP20-0004 (Chris Ottone - North State Rendering)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Butte County has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and is considering the adoption of a Negative Declaration (ND) for the project listed below. The County has prepared this Notice of Intent to Adopt a ND to provide an opportunity for input from public agencies, organizations, and interested parties on the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Minor Use Permit for Chris Ottone - North State Rendering (MUP20-0004).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is the existing North State Rendering, Inc. facility located at 15 Shippee Road, northeast of the intersection with State Highway 99. Assessor Parcel Number: 041-200-023.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** A Minor Use Permit in connection with a current use permit (UP10-0004) to include and allow sewer septage to be processed by North State Rendering, Inc. (NSR) within its existing anaerobic digester. The NSR facility consists of a former rendering facility, bio-digester and pond system. The proposed project would allow the processing of septic waste that would otherwise be disposed at a disposal facility outside the county. A pilot study conducted by NSR determined that the bio-digester can process a mixture of food and septic waste and produce both useable bio-gas and an effluent stream that is acceptable for disposal into the existing process wastewater ponds. Approval of MUP20-0004 would allow the delivery and unloading of septage waste by septic haulers into the existing bio-digester concrete pit. It would be blended with the existing food waste and sent to the bio-digester system. The project would not change the overall operation, require any additional infrastructure, or expand the capacity of the facility. The septage material would replace a portion of the food waste and offer an alternative to landfill disposal as a method of processing. Solid waste from the screening process would continue to be stored in dumpsters for landfill disposal.

The IS/ND is on file for public review and comment starting **April 3, 2023**, through **May 2, 2023**. All comments on the IS/ND must be submitted in writing to the address or email provided below and received no later than **5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 2, 2023**. The IS/ND is available for review at: <https://www.buttecounty.net/363/California-Environmental-Quality-Act-CEQ>. For information or to submit comments, please contact Principal Planner Mark Michelena, Butte County Department of Development Services, Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Phone: 530.552.3683 or email: [mmichelena@buttecounty.net](mailto:mmichelena@buttecounty.net).