LEGAL NOTICE OF INTENT AND PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the County of Glenn, State of California, will hold a Public Hearing to consider the project as listed below. The Public Hearing will be held at the Glenn County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd Floor Willows Memorial Hall, 525 West Sycamore Street, Willows, California, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Commission will allow.

PROJECT:

Conditional Use Permit 2024-004, Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC, Advanced Thermal Conversion APPLICANT/LANDOWNER: Wayne McFarland/Carriere Family Farms

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conditional Use Permit 2024-004, Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC Advanced Thermal Conversion (ATC) project will operate on a 24/7 basis to remediate up to 135,000 tons a year of waste walnut shells (WWS) from an existing onsite walnut shelling facility into approximately 1,041,000 MMBtu/year of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), which will then be compressed into a mobile storage trailer and then transported an existing walnut huller/dryer facility to be injected into a PG&E pipeline. The RNG project, referred to as SynTech CF1 will consist of the following four main operational components:

- 1. Organic Feedstock to Syngas Conversion
- 2. Biochar Transfer and Storage Facility
- 3. Collection of Syngas and Upgrade to Pipeline Quality RNG
- 4. Pipeline RNG Storage and Transfer Facility

Walnut shells will be moved to the ATC site via an enclosed conveyor system to a secondary waste walnut shell storage building used specifically for the ATC process. The project will draw power from the local utility grid during normal operation. In the case of grid power interruption, a natural gas and/or syngas fueled emergency generator will power essential safety and operational systems until grid power is restored. The biochar byproduct of the ATC process will be approximately 4% by volume of the WWS volume converted or remediated in the process and will be collected in 500 lb. storage containers for storage and shipment. Additional project information is included in the application and documents.

LOCATION: The project is located at 1640 State Route 45, south of the community of Glenn; located on the east side of State Route 45, south of the County Road 52, west of the Sacramento River, and north of County Road 54, in the unincorporated area of Glenn County, California.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS:

016-030-011 (96.37± acres), 016-090-016 (145.75± acres)

ZONING: "FS-80" Farmland Security Zone **GENERAL PLAN**: "Intensive Agriculture"

DECISIONS: The Planning Commission may approve, deny, or continue the:

- (A) Mitigated Negative Declaration
- (B) Conditional Use Permit 2024-004, Carriere/Syntech CF1, LLC

All environmental information and project documentation is available for review at the Planning & Community Development Services Agency. Contact Andy Popper, Principal Planner at planning@countyofglenn.net, (530) 934-6540, or at the Glenn County Planning & Community Development Services Agency, 225 North Tehama Street, Willows, CA, 95988. All interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed project by Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 A.M., or appear and present oral and/or written testimony at the Public Hearing. If you challenge the nature of the proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in correspondence delivered to the appropriate authority at, or prior to, the public hearing.