

Golden State Natural Resources Forest Resiliency Project Environmental Scoping

The Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), acting as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) Forest Resiliency Project. This project would procure and process sustainably sourced biomass into a pelletized renewable fuel source to replace the use of fossil fuels. The NOP initiates a 30-day public review and comment period from November 18, 2022, to December 19, 2022. It marks the first step under CEQA and will be followed by an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess the project's potential effects on the environment.

GSNR proposes the construction of two processing facilities: one in the foothills of the Central Sierra Nevada Mountain range in Tuolumne County and one on the Modoc Plateau of Northern California, in Lassen County. As part of the project's scope, finished pellets would be shipped from a deep-water port in Richmond or Stockton, California to international markets for renewable energy generation. GSNR will continue to evaluate each port as the project moves forward.

The current conditions of CA's forests are a big problem that needs innovation and many solutions to address. **Golden State Natural Resources is one solution. GSNR is a forest resiliency program with a mission to enhance quality of life, public safety, economic development, and the environment in California.** By transforming excess and unmarketable fire fuels into a marketable wood product, GSNR endeavors to create fire resilient landscapes and fire adaptive communities. This project will create jobs, stimulate rural economies, and help mitigate catastrophic wildfire conditions.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

GSFA will host three in-person meetings and one virtual public meeting during the scoping period. The public meetings are an opportunity to learn about the proposed Forest Resiliency Project and submit feedback on the scope of the EIR. Each meeting provides the same content.

■ TUOLUMNE COUNTY SCOPING MEETING #1

Date: Monday, November 28, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM (PST)

Location: Board of Supervisors Office, 2 South Green St., Sonora, CA 95370

■ LASSEN COUNTY SCOPING MEETING #3

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (PST)

Location: Board of Supervisors Office, 707 Nevada St., Susanville, CA 96130

■ LASSEN COUNTY SCOPING MEETING #2

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (PST)

Location: Bieber Veterans Memorial Hall, 657-575 Bridge St., Bieber, CA 96009

■ VIRTUAL SCOPING MEETING #4

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM (PST)

Location: Zoom information below.

Closed captioning and Spanish interpretation will be provided at this meeting.

* Attendees will have the opportunity to share verbal comments.

* If you require language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, please email gsnr@gsnrnet.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting you plan to attend.

**IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING VIRTUALLY,
PLEASE REGISTER AT:**

www.goldenstatenaturalresources.com/local-forest-resilience-projects



You **DO NOT** need to register if you plan to participate in-person.

**Written comments may be submitted
no later than December 19, 2022.**

COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO:

Golden State Natural Resources
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Via e-mail with the subject line "GSNR Scoping
Comment" to gsnr@gsnrnet.org**

**To view the Notice of Preparation of an EIR or for more
information about Golden State Natural Resources'
proposed Forest Resiliency Project and how to get
involved, please visit:**

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