January 20, 2025 Dear Mr. McDaniel,

The undersigned 185 organizations, collectively representing hundreds of thousands of members in California, across the United States, and around the world, in solidarity with dozens of individuals, submit these comments strongly opposing the Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) wood pellet project. After reviewing the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) prepared by the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), we are concerned that the project would inflicit irrevocable harm to our climate, communities, and forests. **The DEIR is inadequate and should not be certified, and the project should be rejected.**

The analysis included within the DEIR is woefully insufficient, lacking critical details, and riddled with inaccuracies. But even based on GSFA's own analysis in the DEIR, **this project is rife with "significant" adverse impacts.** GSNR's facilities will spark a massive, long-term demand for timber harvesting to support production of wood pellets—threatening devastating impacts on forests, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity. Further, cutting forests and producing wood pellets for international export and combustion in power plants would worsen the climate crisis. Cutting and trucking trees and the production, transportation and storage of pellets would also cause substantial air pollution, noise, and other impacts on communities across California that already shoulder unacceptable levels of pollution.

The claim that this project is necessary for mitigating wildfire risk is wholly unsupported. While addressing wildfires is a compelling need, mitigation can be achieved without the massive emissions and adverse community and wildlife impacts that would come from this project. Furthermore, GSNR plans to partner with a company that has a long track record of environmental violations. As the impact of climate change and risk of destructive wildfires grows more urgent every year, California has no time to waste. California must reject GSNR's false solution.

1. Unacceptable community impacts

GSNR proposes to build two of the country's largest wood pellet production facilities and ship the pellets overseas to Europe and Asia, where they would be burned in converted coal-fired power plants to produce electricity. For the Californian communities of Lassen and Tuolumne counties, where the wood pellet mills will be built and operated, and Stockton, where the wood pellets would be stored and exported, there are many impacts GSFA considers "significant and unavoidable." At the facility in Lassen, which would churn out 700,000 tons of wood pellets every year, GSFA admits that the project's emissions would exceed air pollution control district limits for dangerous air pollutants like particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), nitrogen oxide (NOx), and carbon monoxide (CO).¹ In doing so, the project will conflict with Lassen County's air quality plans.² The Tuolumne County facility would also conflict with air quality plans, exceeding the annual threshold for CO.³ Emissions of toxic air contaminants will pose serious cancer risks to nearby residents. Indeed, the DEIR found that the GSNR facility-induced individual cancer risk in Lassen County is more than double CEQA's threshold of significance, and in Tuolumne County is more than four times greater than the CEQA significance threshold, even after mitigation.⁴ Finally, at the wood pellet storage and export terminal at the Port of Stockton, the project would create significant NOx impacts⁵—as well as cumulatively significant PM2.5 (fine soot) impacts in an area that is already failing national standards for PM2.5.⁶ California's leaders should be figuring out ways to clean up this already unacceptable air pollution and deny this project that would *exacerbate* existing burdens.

2. Inadequate and counterproductive wildfire mitigation

GSFA believes these "significant and unavoidable" community impacts are justified by its purported objective of wildfire mitigation and forest resilience. However, GSFA fails to demonstrate that the project would mitigate wildfire risk or improve forest resiliency. Rather, the project could well exacerbate the very issues they are trying to address. The proposed logging activity will largely occur in remote areas far from communities, instead of focusing on vegetation management directly in and around communities where it would do the most to reduce wildfire risk to communities. Furthermore, while the DEIR claims that the project would result in increased management of dense forests to address wildfire risk, it categorized only 27% of the project area's forests as "overcrowded"⁷ and an even smaller amount—15.5%—of the project area consists of high-density stands.⁸ Even more tellingly, ~90% of forests that would be

⁷ Table 3.7-1, DEIR 3.7-7.

¹ Table 3.2-40 Estimated Maximum Daily Operation Criteria Air Pollutant Emissions - Lassen Facility and Project Activities within Lassen County APCD - Mitigated, DEIR 3-2-120–21.

² Lassen County Air Pollution Control District, Rule 6.4 New Source Siting Requirements.

³ Table 3.2-51 Estimated Annual Operation Criteria Air Pollutant Emissions- Tuolumne Facility & Project Activities within Tuolumne County APCD – Mitigated, DEIR 3.2-137–38.

⁴ Tables 3.2-74 Lassen Facility Operation Health Risk Assessment Results – Mitigated, DEIR 3.2-176, and 3.2-80 Tuolumne Facility Operation Health Risk Assessment Results – Mitigated, DEIR 3.2-181.

⁵ Table 3.2-60 Estimated Annual Operation Criteria Air Pollutant Emissions – Port of Stockton and Project Activities within San Joaquin Valley APCD – Mitigated.

⁶ California Air Resources Board, Review of the San Joaquin Valley 2024 Plan for the 2012 12 μg/m3 Annual PM2.5 Standard and Amendments to the Agricultural Equipment Incentive Measure and the 1997 15 μg/m3 State Implementation Plan Revision, (2024) ("The San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (San Joaquin Valley or Valley) is classified under the [Clean Air] Act as a serious nonattainment area for the 12 μg/m3 annual PM2.5 standard."). The DEIR falls short in addressing cumulative and social impacts too, which is critical given Stockton's designation as an AB 617 community and disadvantaged community.

⁸ Appendix B8 Carbon Forest Change Analysis, 1.1.3 Forest Density, X-2–3.

"thinned" as part of the project are outside of high density areas,⁹ where the DEIR states that treatment effects would be diminished.¹⁰

Furthermore, significant aspects of the project demonstrate that wildfire resilience and forest restoration are far from being the primary drivers to sustain this project. GSFA's proposed facilities in Tuolumne and Lassen counties will increase the pace and scale of logging in the state due to the need to feed mills that would produce 1,000,000 tons of wood pellets every year. Nearly half of the logging would be *additional*: it "would not occur without GSNR's proposed project" and would log "otherwise merchantable roundwood."¹¹ Trees up to 10½ feet in circumference—which provide essential wildlife habitat, carbon storage, and numerous other benefits¹²—would be cut down and turned into pellets.¹³ This underscores that this is primarily a pellet production project with some incidental fuel reduction components.

There are much better ways to address wildfire risk and forest resilience. The best available science shows that wildfire is a natural and necessary ecological process in California forests, and that prescribed burns and cultural burning based on traditional ecological knowledge can be useful practices to restore resilience.¹⁴ Further, the best way to protect communities from wildfires is to invest in proven fire-safety retrofits,¹⁵ home hardening,¹⁶ evacuation planning and assistance, increasing access to air filters, and vegetation work in the defensible space immediately surrounding homes and along critical egress and access routes.¹⁷

3. Problematic incentives and collaborators

The project's high costs will result in forest management driven by economic considerations, rather than ecological ones. The two industrial-scale facilities and one export terminal will cost

⁹ *Id.* at X-6.

¹⁰ *Id.* at X-2 ("[H]igh density stands may experience great benefits from fuels reduction/thinning treatments due to substantial reductions in tree-tree competition for resources. However, treatments in lower density stands may result in less substantial effects given their already present condition of low tree-tree competition."). ¹¹ DEIR ES-1.

¹² See, e.g., James A. Lutz et al., *Ecological Importance of Large-Diameter Trees in a Temperate Mixed-Conifer Forest*, 7 PLOS ONEe36131 (2012).

¹³ DEIR Tables 2-1 and 2.6, specifying roundwood feedstocks up to 40 inches diameter (equals 10.5 feet circumference); DEIR at 2-15 listing exceptions to 30 inch DBH limit

¹⁴ See, e.g., Dominick A. DellaSala et al., *Have western USA fire suppression and megafire active management approaches become a contemporary Sisyphus?*, 268 Biological Conservation 109499 (2022). https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2022.109499.

¹⁵ See, e.g., Jack Cohen, A More Effective Approach for Preventing Wildland-Urban Fire Disasters, <u>https://tinyurl.com/4s4es3vw;</u> National Institute of Building Sciences, Mitigation Saves up to \$13 per \$1 Invested,

https://www.nibs.org/files/pdfs/ms_v4_overview.pdf. For a case study highlighting the benefits of home retrofitting for wildfire protection, *see* FEMA, Mitigation Measures May Have Saved Lahaina's 'Miracle' Home, https://www.fema.gov/case-study/mitigation-measures-may-have-saved-lahainas-miracle-home.

¹⁶ See, e.g., David E. Calkin et al., *Wildland-urban fire disasters aren't actually a wildfire problem*, 120 PNAS e2315797120 (2023), https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2315797120.

¹⁷ See, e.g., Alexandra D. Syphard et al., *The role of defensible space for residential structure protection during wildfires*, 23 Int'l J. Wildland Fire 1165 (2014), https://doi.org/10.1071/WF13158.

well over half a billion dollars. GSFA will be pressed to recoup costs for themselves, investors, and debtors, and will likely find that what benefits their bottom line is not what is best for forest and community health. The biomass industry's shoddy track record in the Southeastern United States and Canada provide additional cause for community concern that profit will win out over all, even legal stringent air quality protections.

This risk is even more glaring given GSNR's partnership with Drax, a United Kingdom-based company that is the world's largest bioenergy producer and second-largest wood pellet manufacturer.¹⁸¹⁹ Alarmingly, Drax has a proven track record of exacerbating climate change,¹⁹ harming rural communities,²⁰ and devastating forest ecosystems throughout North America.²¹ Drax's burning of wood pellets back home in the United Kingdom emitted 11.5 million tons of CO2 in 2023,²¹ the equivalent of 2,673,805 gas-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year.²² In 2022, Drax topped the list as the U.K. power sector's single-largest CO2 emitter.²⁴ Drax-owned wood pellet production facilities in the U.S. Southeast and Canada bring dust,²⁵ ^{232425/7} noise,²⁶ and other negative impacts, including the perpetuation of decades of disproportionate environmental impacts on poor and rural communities.²⁶ Drax also has a history of violating environmental laws designed to protect community health. Most notably, in 2020, regulators fined Drax \$2.5 million over serious air quality breaches at its pellet mill in Gloster, Mississippi.²⁸ But this is just the tip of the iceberg: Drax's wood pellet facilities have been found violating environmental regulations **over 11,000 times** according to an investigation for *The*

¹⁸ In January 2024, Drax and GSNR signed a memorandum of understanding concerning access to global markets. GSNR, Board of Directors Meeting, (Feb. 28,2024) 7–14,

https://www.rcrcnet.org/sites/default/files/useruploads/Meetings/Misc/2024/2.28.2024 GSNR BOD Packet.pdf. ¹⁹ Tom Harrison & Harriet Fox, *Biomass plant is UK's top emitter*, Ember (2023), <u>https://ember-</u>

<u>energy.org/app/uploads/2024/10/Biomass-plant-is-UKs-top-emitter.pdf</u> ("Drax tops the list as the UK power sector's single largest CO2 emitter, despite generating only a small share of power.").

²⁰ James L. VanHise, *The Wood Pellet Industry: A Dual Threat to Poor, Rural Communities*, RESILIENCE, Aug. 25, 2023, <u>https://www.resilience.org/stories/2023-08-25/the-wood-pellet-industry-a-dual-threat-to-poor-rural-communities/</u>²¹ Joe Crowley, *Drax: UK power station still burning rare forest wood*, BBC Panorama, Feb. 27, 2024, https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68381160.

²¹ Drax Group plc, Committed to the World's Energy Transition, 50. (2024), . Annual report and accounts 2023. Drax. Retrieved December 6, 2024, from <u>https://www.drax.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Drax_AR23_Interactive.pdf</u> (reporting total Biogenic CO2 emissions of 11,463 ktCO2e); <u>https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator#results</u> See pg 50, Biogenic CO2 emissions

 ²² EPA, Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator.
²³ Harrison & Fox, *supra* note 18.

²⁴ Ruby Bell et al., Pellet Mill Community Impact Survey 17 (2024), https://www.southernenvironment.org/wpcontent/uploads/2024/10/Biomass_Report_0924_F.pdf.

²⁵ Id.; E. D. Walker et al., *Amplifying concerns: An Exploration of Community Noise Levels in Rural Communities Impacted by Wood Pellet Production*, 17 Environmental Challenges 101024 (2024).

²⁶ Sara Sneath, Mississippi biomass facility fined for emitting three times more air pollution than permitted, Southerly, Feb. 25, 2021, <u>https://southerlymag.org/2021/02/25/mississippi-biomass-facility-fined-for-emitting-three-times-more-air-pollution-than-permitted/</u>; Danielle Purifoy, *As the Wood Pellet Industry Grows Across the South, Enviva Targets Alabama and Mississippi for Future Expansion*, ScALAWAG, Oct. 5, 2020, <u>http://scalawagmagazine.org/2020/10/wood-pellet-environmental-racism-part-two/</u>.²⁸ Grant McLaughlin, *MDEQ settles with UK-based Drax Group for air violations at Gloster plant*, Clarion Ledger, Sep. 17, 2024, https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/politics/2024/09/17/mdeq-settles-with-drax-group-for-air-pollution-violations-in-gloster/752 47217007/.

Times.²⁷ Since 2020, they have violated environmental regulations on average **5 times per day**.³⁰ These violations show what very well could be the future of communities that will live with GSNR-Drax facilities.

4. Contribution to climate catastrophe

Finally, this project does not make sense as "climate mitigation." The project would release substantial climate-heating greenhouse gas emissions at every stage, worsening the climate crisis. The project would significantly increase logging of California's forests, releasing their stored carbon at a time when we must increase forest protection and forest carbon storage. Older trees store more carbon than young growth²⁸ so, harvesting wood leads to "forgone" sequestration: carbon storage that would have occurred over time in the uncut forest but never materializes.³² This loss occurs even when accounting for regrowth of the new forest.²⁹ Significant greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution would also be emitted from the long biomass energy production process: trucking cut trees long distances in hundreds of daily trips, chipping wood and producing pellets, transporting pellets by truck or rail hundreds of miles to ports, then shipping pellets overseas to Asia and Europe, and finally burning the wood pellets in power plants.³⁰ There is a scientific consensus in the U.S. and internationally that burning wood is not carbon neutral. Rather, peer-reviewed literature demonstrates in the "vast majority" of cases, burning forest biomass for energy creates a "carbon debt," meaning a net emissions increase to the atmosphere,³¹ even when accounting for purported land-based mitigating factors such as forest regrowth. This is true even if GSNR limited itself to only using forest residuals from thinning projects that would occur anyway.³²³³ Numerous studies show that it takes decades to a century or more for cut forests to re-sequester the amount of carbon emitted from logging and burning

 ²⁷ Camille Corcoran, US Plants Supplying UK Power Station Broke Green Rules 11,000 Times, The Times. Nov. 3, 2024, https://www.thetimes.com/uk/environment/article/us-plants-supplying-uk-power-station-broke-green-rules-11000-times-2q559pwrg.
³⁰ Id. (finding "more than 8,700" violations "since the start of 2020").

²⁸ N. L. Stephenson et al., Rate of Tree Carbon Accumulation Increases Continuously with Tree Size, 507 Nature 90–93 (2014); Michael Köhl et al., The Impact of Tree Age on Biomass Growth and Carbon Accumulation Capacity: A Retrospective Analysis Using Tree Ring Data of Three Tropical Tree Species Grown in Natural Forests of Suriname, 12 PLOS ONE e0181187 (2017). ³² Sean L. Maxwell et al., Degradation and Forgone Removals Increase the Carbon Impact of Intact Forest Loss by 626%, 5 Science Advances eaax2546 (2019).

²⁹ Sasha Stashwick et al., NRDC, A Bad Biomass Bet 3 (2021), https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/bad-biomass-bet-beccsib.pdf.

³⁰ Id.

³¹ John Gunn et al., Spatial Informatics Group-Natural Assets Laboratory, Scientific Evidence Does Not Support the Carbon Neutrality of Woody Biomass Energy: A Review of Existing Literature, Spatial Informatics Group Report 2018-01 (2018), https://www.sig-nal.org/_files/ugd/f5c52e_a51f246c8a854cf594ce47e6d05d9616.pdf.

 ³² Mary Booth, Not Carbon Neutral: Assessing the Net Emissions Impact of Residues Burned for Bioenergy, 13 Env't Rsch. Letters
³³ (2018); Ana Repo et al., Sustainability of Forest Bioenergy in Europe: Land-Use-Related Carbon Dioxide Emissions of Forest Harvest Residues, 7 GCB Bioenergy 877–87 (Mar. 2014); Niclas Scott Bentsen, Carbon Debt and Payback Time–Lost in the Forest?, 73 Renewable & Sustainable Energy Rev. 1211–17 (2017).

woody biomass for energy.³⁴ As admitted by the DEIR, the carbon emissions from this project would be significant and conflict with meeting California's climate goals.

5. Unacceptable Harms to Wildlife and Ecosystems

This massive project poses unacceptable harms to wildlife and ecosystems. The enormous rampup of logging/thinning across the vast project area will destroy and degrade wildlife habitat, threatening the future of imperiled and sensitive species. According to the DEIR, 843 specialstatus species occur or have the potential to occur within the project area,³⁵ including many federally or state listed species such as the Northern spotted owl, great gray owl, fisher, Humboldt marten, gray wolf, Sierra Nevada red fox, and wolverine, as well as the California spotted owl proposed for federal listing.³⁹ The project area encompasses critical habitat for 30 federally listed species, including 20 animal and 10 plant species.³⁶ Among many flaws, the DEIR does not consider the cumulative impacts to special-status species that would result from the project's massive ramp-up of logging/thinning. The construction and operation of the pellet production facilities would cause additional harms such as the destruction of 40+ acres of wetlands at the Lassen pellet facility³⁷ and impacts to the Stanislaus monkeyflower and other rare plants at the Tuolumne pellet facility³⁸. At the Port of Stockton, the DEIR failed to consider or mitigate the foreseeable impacts to marine wildlife of the 29 massive tanker ships that will be transporting pellets each year.³⁹

The DEIR demonstrates the project will have significant detrimental impacts on communities, the climate, forests and wildlife. That is why civil society organizations have strongly opposed the project not once⁴⁰ but twice,⁴¹ and the local communities that stand to be most impacted are calling out the project's justifications as hollow at best.⁴² The climate crisis requires us to value standing forests for the carbon they sequester and store.⁴³ Communities that face overwhelming

content/uploads/2023/06/JointScopingCommentsonGSNRWoodPelletProject63023.pdf.

³⁴ John Sterman et al., Does wood bioenergy help or harm the climate?, 78 Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists 128 (2022)

³⁵ DEIR 3.3-65 ("643 special status plant species have potential to occur in the working area"); DEIR 3.3-68 ("200 special status wildlife species known or with potential to occur in the working area") ³⁹ DEIR Table 3.3-14.

³⁶ DEIR 3.3-93 ("There is critical habitat designed for 30 federally listed plant (10) and wildlife (20) species in the working area").

³⁷ DEIR 3.3-101.

³⁸ DEIR 3.3-67; Appendix A at 92.

³⁹ DEIR 3.3-108.

⁴⁰ Scoping Comments on GSNR Wood Pellet Project First NOP. (December 19, 2022),

https://www.biofuelwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/22-12-19-CBD-PFPI-Biofuelwatch-et-al-scoping-comments-on-GSNR-wood-pell et-project-final.pdf.

⁴¹ Scoping Comments on GSNR Wood Pellet Project Reissued NOP. (June 30, 2023), https://www.pfpi.net/wp-

 ⁴² Press Release, Biofuels Watch and PFPI, Groups call on California officials to axe the GSNR wood pellet project. (June 30, 2023), https://www.pfpi.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/NewsRelease-GSNRwoodpelletprojectsign-onletter63023.pdf.
⁴³ Jennifer Skene, NRDC, The true cost of undervaluing our forests,

^{(2023),}https://www.nrdc.org/bio/jennifer-skene/true-cost-undervaluing-our-forests.

pollution burdens deserve better than more of the same. GSNR's stated goals may sound lofty and ideal, but they actually pose an imminent threat to our climate, biodiversity, and communities, and they are nothing more than another biomass boondoggle.

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