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Biomass Utilization: Below Zero Carbon Advanced Biofuels

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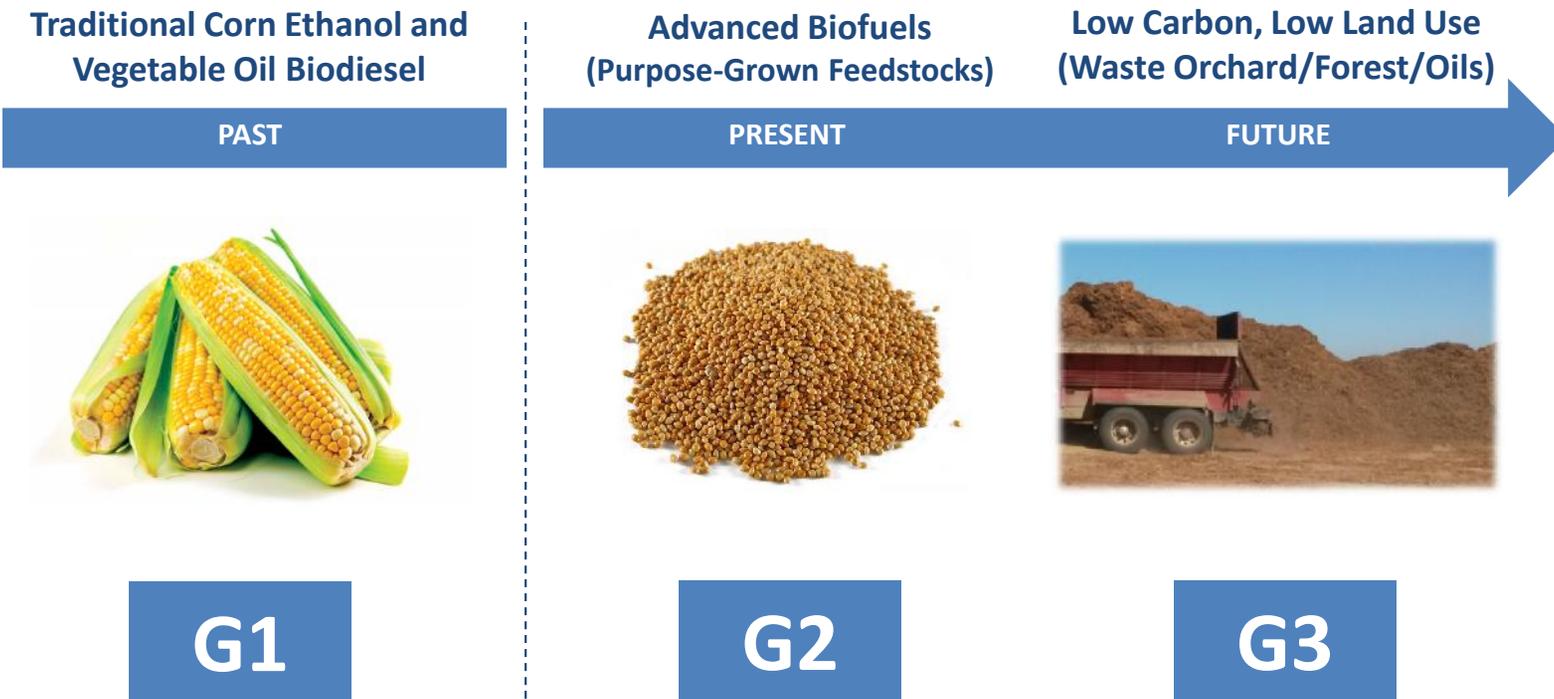
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Aemetis Mission

Aemetis is an international renewable fuels and biochemicals company using patented industrial biotechnology for the construction and operation of advanced biorefineries.



Aemetis Overview

- **Founded in 2006 by biofuels veteran (co-founder of Pacific Ethanol; EPM)**
- **\$170 million revenue in 2018; 110 million gallons per year biofuels capacity**
 - Own/operate 60+ million gallon ethanol plant in California
 - Own/operate 50 million gallon capacity Biodiesel and Glycerin refinery in India
 - Building \$50 million Dairy Biogas digester, pipeline and cleanup system
 - Developing \$175 million Cellulosic Ethanol plant (waste orchard wood feedstock)



Management and Board of Directors

Board of Directors



John Block - Former Secretary of Agriculture from 1981-86 under President Reagan

Fran Barton - Former CFO of five high tech companies with revenues above \$1 billion

Dr. Steven Hutcheson - Molecular genetics founder of Zymetis, acquired in 2011 by Aemetis

Lydia Beebe – Former 20-year Chevron corporate officer (38 years at Chevron)



Eric McAfee - Chairman and CEO

- Founder of *Aemetis* (NASDAQ: AMTX) and co-founder of *Pacific Ethanol* (NASDAQ: PEIX)
- Founder of oil production company *Evolution Petroleum* (NYSE: EPM)
- Founded seven public companies and funded twenty-five private companies as principal investor



Todd Waltz - EVP and CFO

- Joined Aemetis in 2007
- Served in senior financial management roles with Apple, Inc. for 12 years
- Ernst & Young CPA



Andy Foster - EVP and President, Aemetis Advanced Fuels

- Joined Aemetis in 2006
- Senior executive at three Silicon Valley tech companies
- Served in the George H.W. Bush White House (1989-1992) as Associate Director - Office of Political Affairs and as Deputy Chief of Staff for Illinois Governor Edgar for five years

Sanjeev Gupta - EVP and President, Aemetis International

- Joined Aemetis in 2007
- Manages India biodiesel and glycerin business
- Previously head of petrochemical trading company with about \$250 million revenues and offices on several continents



Unique Attribute of Biofuels: “Below Zero” Carbon Emissions

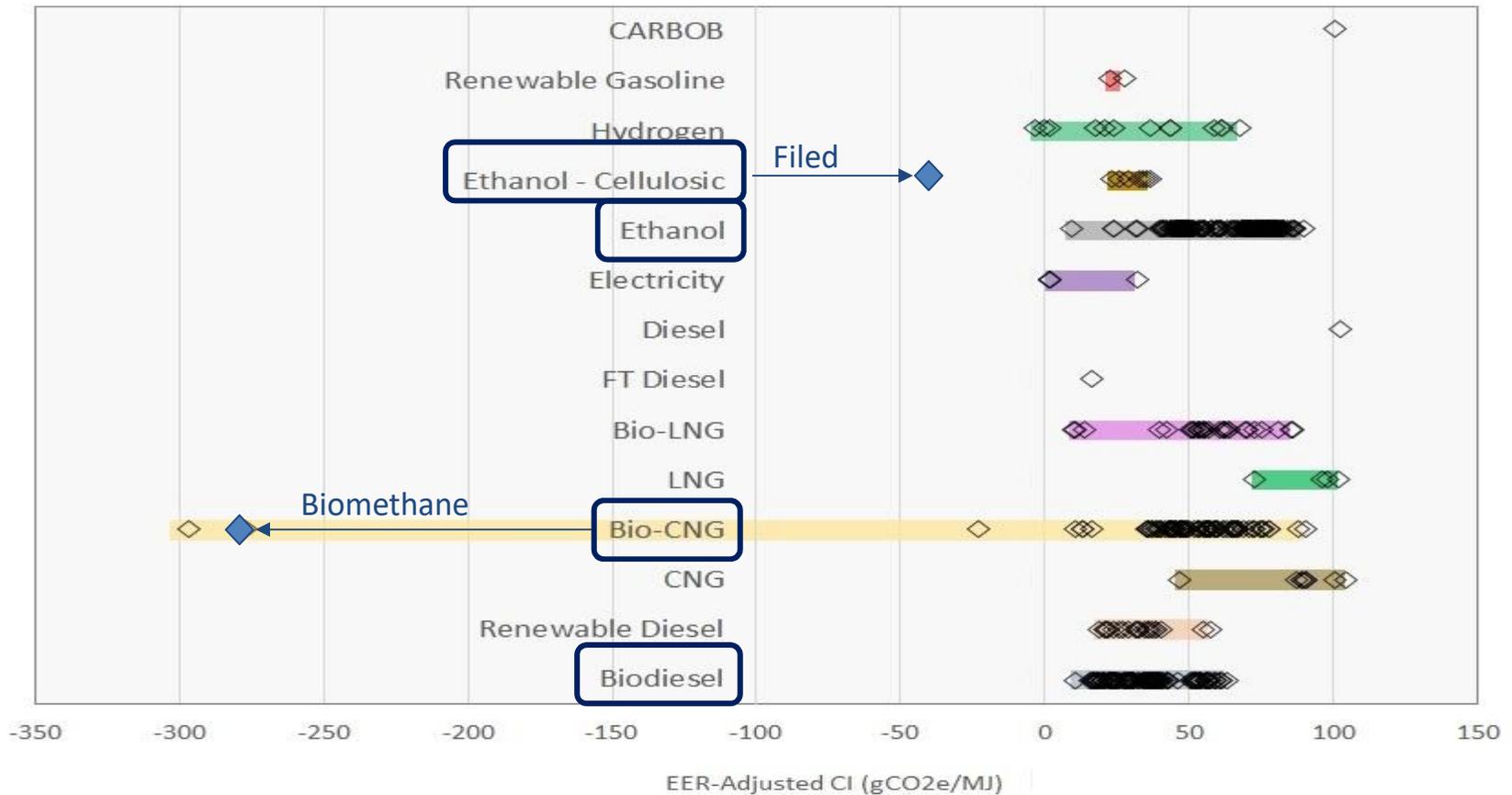
Solar, Wind, Hydro and Nuclear electricity reduce emissions of new greenhouse gases compared to coal and petroleum, but **do not consume CO₂** from the atmosphere.

Renewable fuels and biogas from plant materials **consume CO₂** and **can help reverse Climate Change** by the use of waste biomass and renewable oil feedstocks to produce biofuels.



California LCFS Carbon Intensity Values: Aemetis Products

Carbon Intensity Values of Current Certified Pathways (2018)



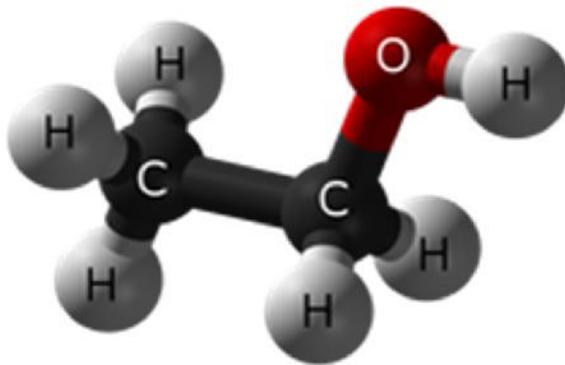
Source: California Air Resources Board - October 2018



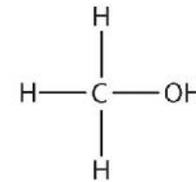
Ethanol Molecule: High Octane, High Oxygen, Replace BTEX

Unique Properties of Ethanol Molecule

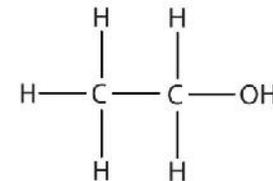
- Ethanol is 114 octane = prevents pre-ignition of fuel and lost power under high compression
 - Higher octane = higher compression engines = better fuel efficiency
 - Replace benzene and other harmful BTEX additives in gasoline
- Ethanol is 34% oxygen by weight
 - Cleaner burning gasoline
 - Reduce air pollution



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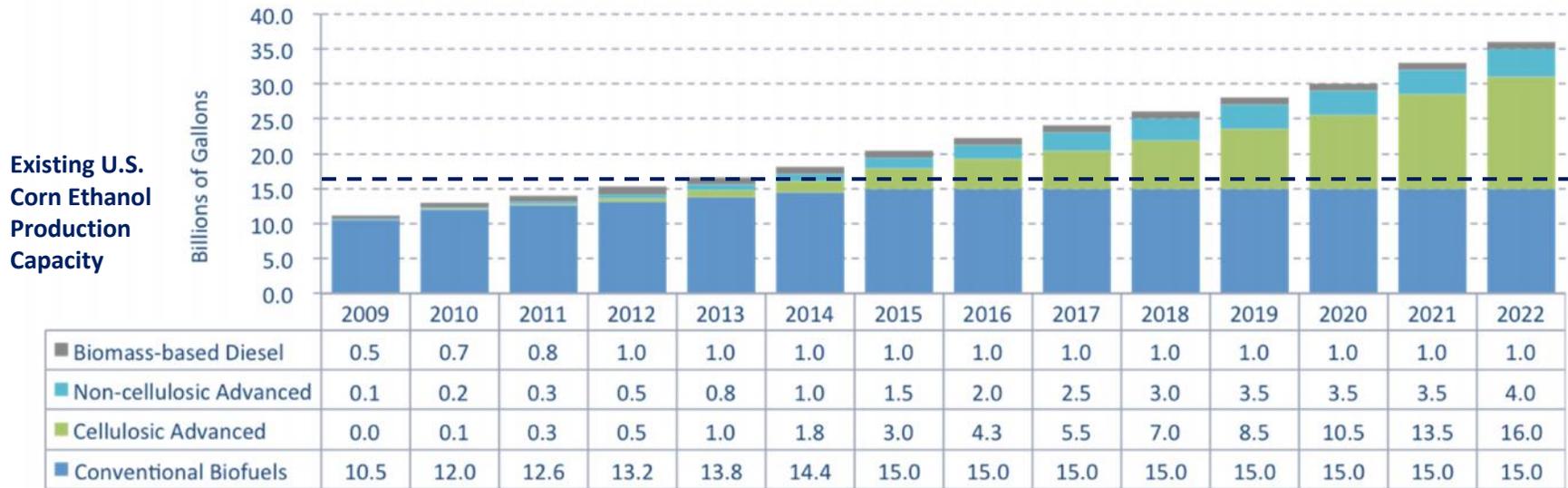
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Federal Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate Expands by Law

In order to meet the federal Renewable Fuel Standard, obligated parties are required to blend biofuels in increasing quantities each year

- “Conventional Biofuels” reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% relative to gasoline/diesel
- “Advanced Biofuels” reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% relative to gasoline/diesel
- Higher ethanol blends (E15 and E85), recent ASTM approval of 100 octane gasoline and expanding export markets expected to drive favorable supply/demand for biofuels

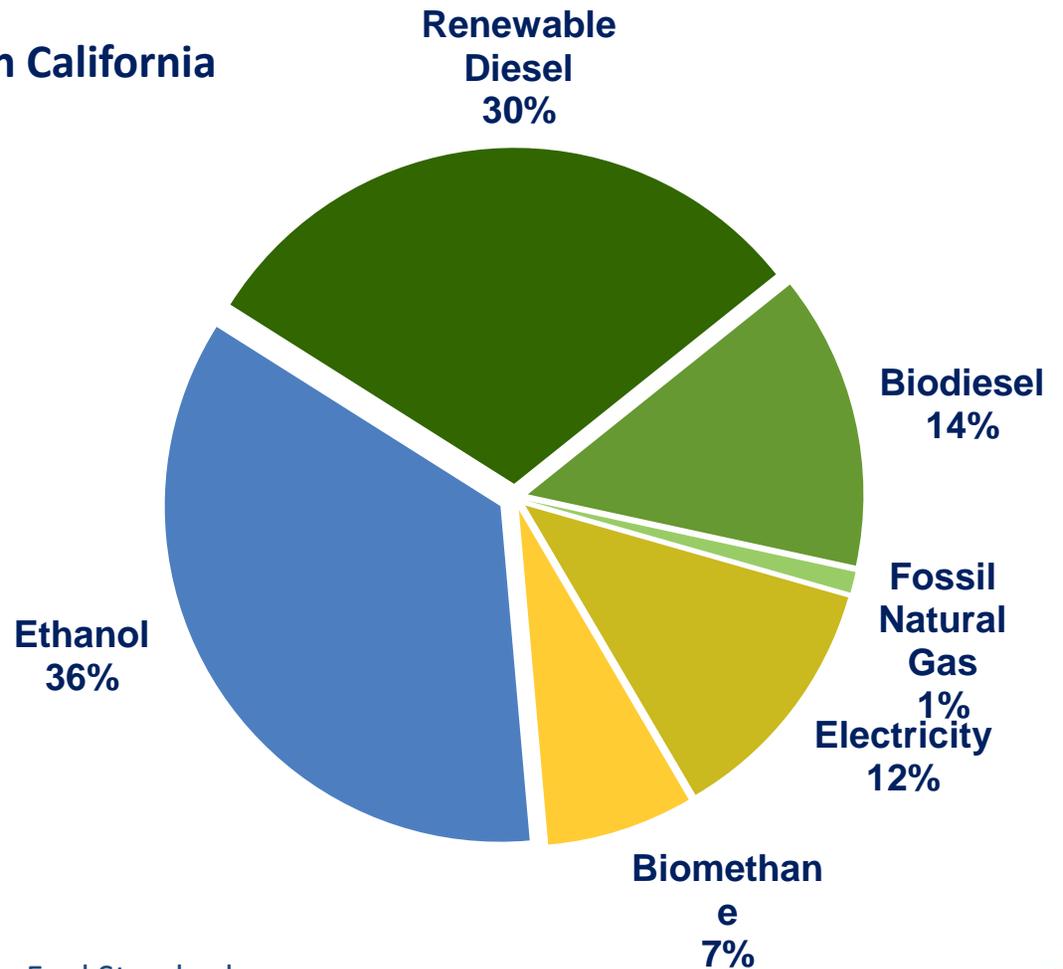


California LCFS Carbon Reduction

Biofuels Lead Carbon Reduction in California

California LCFS Carbon Credit Generation by Fuel Type - 2017

- Ethanol
- Renewable Diesel
- Biodiesel
- Fossil Natural Gas
- Electricity
- Biomethane



California Air Resources Board: "Low Carbon Fuel Standard Re-Adoption: Fuel Availability" - April 25, 2018



California LCFS: Favorable and **Enforced** Regulatory Environment

California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)

- The Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) is administered by the **California Air Resources Board**
- The LCFS “**Cap and Trade**” system was established in 2007 and **extended in 2017 to year 2030** to offset emissions from petroleum fuels
- Petroleum importers, refiners and wholesalers can either develop their own low carbon fuel products or **buy LCFS credits** from other companies that develop and sell low carbon alternative fuels, such as biofuels plants
- LCFS credits traded \$62 in July 2017, but **LCFS credits are now \$195**
- **California LCFS credits are now used for project financing due to stability of policies**
 - **Federal D6 RINs are not usable by investors or lenders for project financing**
 - **D6 RIN price fell to only 7 cents due to deliberate biofuels waivers issued to highly profitable major oil companies by the EPA**





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Aemetis Cellulosic Ethanol Overview

Problem: California Orchard Waste Wood Burning

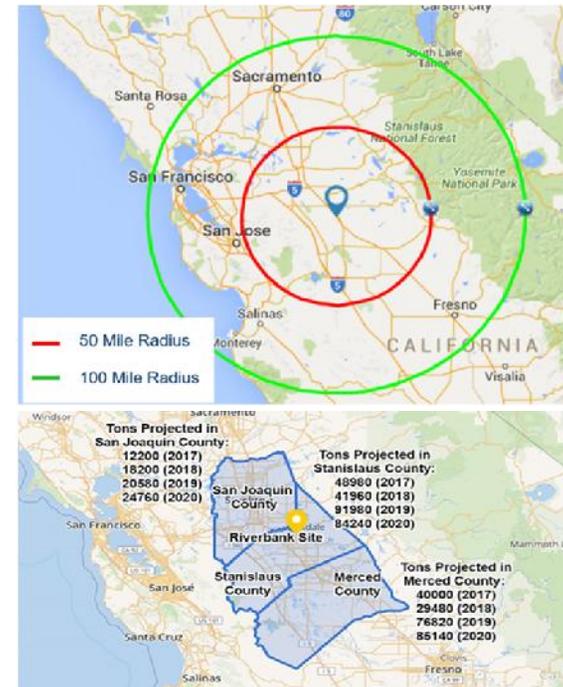
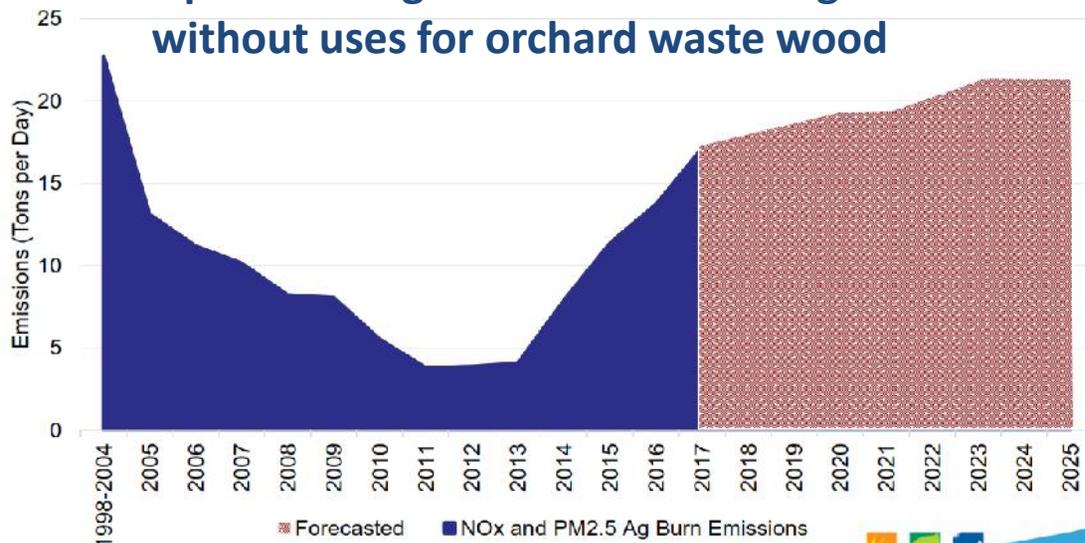
Biomass-to-Energy Plants Closing in California

- More than 40% of biomass-to-electricity plants have shut down in California
- Lack of ability to compete with low-cost solar, wind and natural gas electricity

About 1.5 million acres of almond and walnut orchards in Central California

- 2+ million tons/year of Ag Waste

Open Burning Emissions Increasing without uses for orchard waste wood



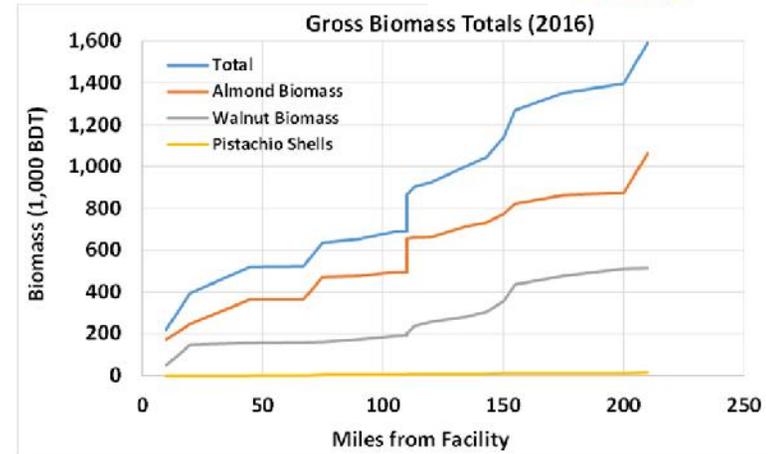
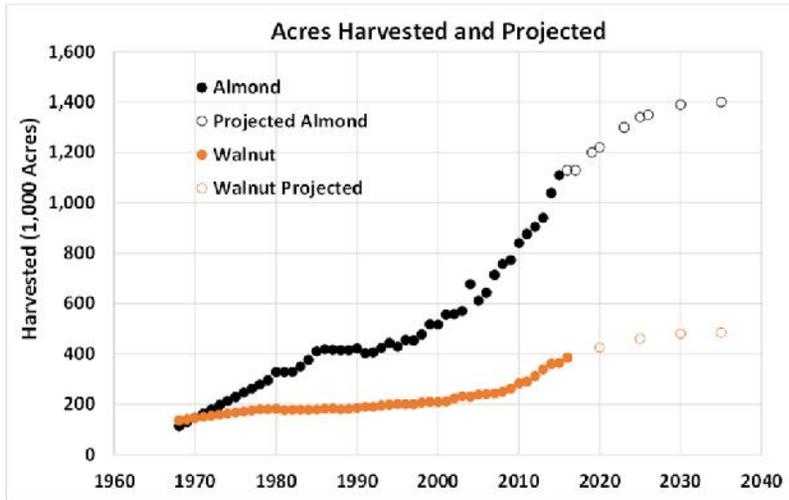
Source: San Joaquin Valley Air Control District Emergency Meeting on Open Burning November 2017



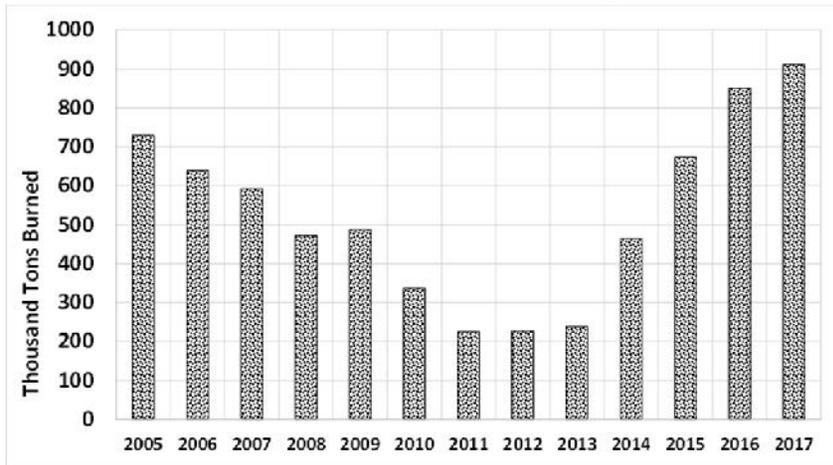
UC Davis Feedstock Study Results



Increase in Waste Wood



Increase in Burning



UC Davis Study Conclusions:

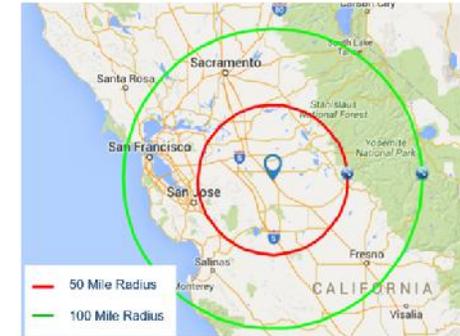
- Confirmed air emissions assumptions for carbon intensity score under LCFS
- Confirmed biomass growth and availability tonnage
- Confirms feedstock pricing and feedstock projected cost for 20 years
- Expanding supply due to lifecycle of trees



Solution: Convert Orchard Wood Waste to Low Carbon Ethanol

About 1.5 million acres of almond and walnut orchards in CA

- 20 year almond tree life = remove about 40,000 acres per year
 - Up to 40 tons per acre for each orchard removed
 - Orchard/vineyard wood waste = 2+ million tons per year
- Pistachio shells and hulls have limited uses



California orchard waste can produce 160+ million cellulosic ethanol gallons per year

- At 80 gallons per ton of waste feedstock, requires 1.6 million tons of wood biomass per year
 - Also available Forest, Construction & Demolition wood waste
- Creates 30,000 direct/indirect jobs in Central Valley
- Attracts \$1.6 billion of new capital investment to California
- Eliminates air pollution from orchard, vineyard and forest wood burning





Biomass to Cellulosic Ethanol

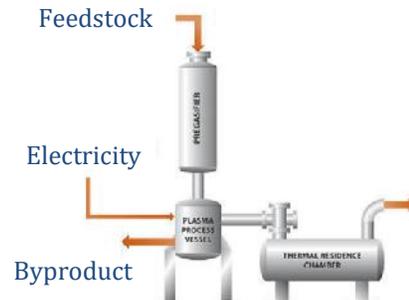


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Feedstock

Biomass

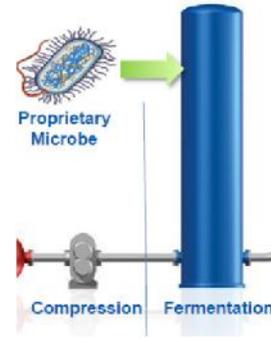
- Orchard Wood Waste
- Ag Byproducts
- Forest Wastes



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Thermal

Transformation



3

LanzaTech

Fermentation



4

Ethanol Plant

Integration



Aemetis is implementing the first **biomass-to-biofuels** plant using the LanzaTech process



LanzaTech Facilities

12 million gallon commercial plant operating in China on steel mill gas

Demo Plants: 100,000 combined operating hours

Multiple operating runs exceeding 2,000 hours



Multiple plants at various scales demonstrated key aspects of process



Solution: Convert Forest Biomass to Cellulosic Ethanol

Support and Fund Forest Thinning and Forest Waste Wood Transport to Processing Plants

- Make the waste wood feedstock available to all processing plants at the same price
 - A reliable supply of waste wood feedstock to all industries will generate a sustainable, long-term solution by attracting investment
- Reduce biomass burning throughout the state
 - Carbon emissions from burning biomass are significant, ranging between 20 to 40 percent of the carbon emissions from fossil fuels (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)
 - The Aemetis solution is carbon-negative

Avoid Picking Winners and Losers

- California government should avoid choosing “winners” by singling out one industry or end user
- A level playing field will allow for the best uses of the forest biomass to prevail
- Prior evidence suggests that when the state favors one technology over another, unintended consequences usually follow, including loss of investment and job growth from new technologies





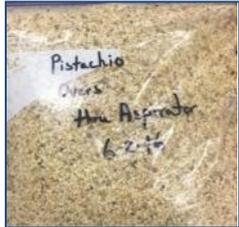
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**Aemetis Riverbank
Below Zero Carbon Biofuels Project**

Aemetis Integrated Demonstration Unit Completed



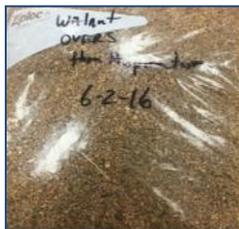
Walnut Wood



Pistachio Shell



Almond Wood



Walnut Shell



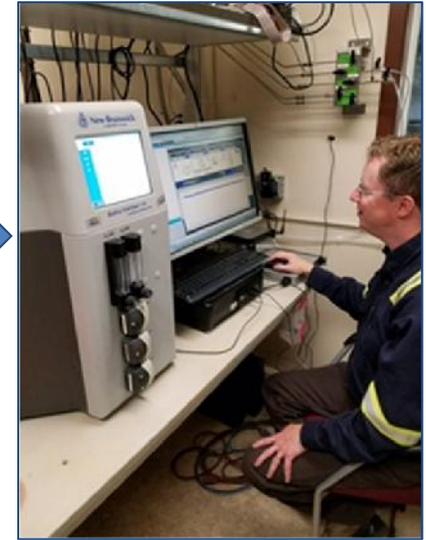
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Gasification



Gas Cleaning



Fermentation





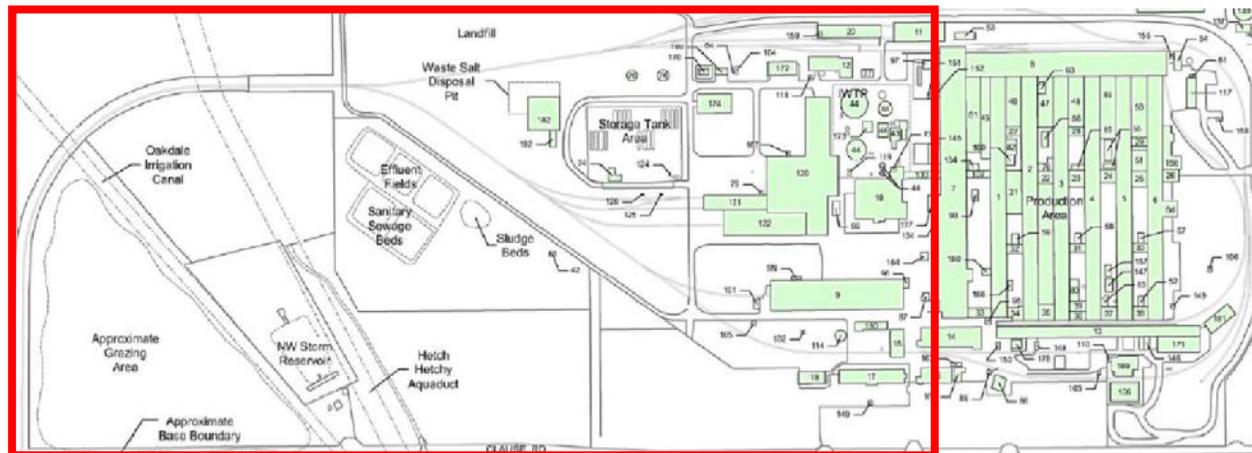
Riverbank Site: 55 Year Lease Signed

- Former US Army Ammunition Production Plant near Modesto, CA
- Additional space for expansion
- Existing Power and Building Infrastructure
- 100% Hydroelectric Power
- Rail spur in place
- Feedstock storage areas adjacent to plant



Site Status:

- Site Layout Complete
- Site Permitting Complete



20-Year Feedstock Contract Signed

- Signed 130,000 ton for \$15 BDT fixed price
- Price escalator increases price by \$1-2/BDT per year
- 20 year agreement, 10 year initial term with renewal for an additional 10 years
- No obligation to purchase feedstock
- Specific feedstock composition and logistics negotiated



Aemetis Feedstock Purchase Agreement

This Feedstock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of July 27, 2017 ("Effective Date"), by and between

("Seller"), to sell and deliver, and Aemetis Advanced Products Keyes, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 20400 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 700, Cupertino, California 95014 ("Buyer") to purchase and receive Feedstock under the following terms and conditions. The Seller and the Buyer are the parties to this Agreement (the "Parties").

The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Feedstock:** "Feedstock" has the meaning set forth in Exhibit A and as more fully described in Exhibit C Hereto. The Seller hereby agrees to deliver to Buyer ten thousand Bone Dry Tons (10,000 BDT) monthly during the duration of this Agreement (the "Feedstock Tons"). Buyer shall provide thirty (30) days prior written notice to Seller before the first delivery of Feedstock by Seller to Buyer. Buyer shall thereafter have the right to increase or decrease the daily deliveries of Feedstock at any time upon five (5) days prior written notice, not to exceed the Feedstock Tons per month and not to be less than 2,000 Bone Dry Tons per month. At the election of Buyer, Feedstock deliveries shall be to facilities in or near five (5) miles from Modesto, California.
2. **Price:** The base price ("Base Price") for Feedstock shall be fifteen dollars per Bone Dry Ton (\$15.00/BDT) delivered FOB Buyer's plant. Buyer shall pay for the delivered Feedstock by the 25th day of the month after the month of delivery.
3. **Delivery:** Seller shall deliver to Buyer the Feedstock as defined in Exhibit A attached to this Agreement. Buyer shall receive Feedstock deliveries Monday through Saturday between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM, but reserves the right to modify delivery hours as it deems necessary. Feedstock shall be delivered to Aemetis Advanced Products Keyes, Inc. at 5300 Claus Road, Riverbank, California 95357 or another facility within five (5) miles of Modesto, California, as directed by the Buyer.
4. **Term:** The Term of this Agreement ("Term") is for twenty (20) years from the date of first delivery of Feedstock, as described in and subject to the attached Exhibit B - Terms & Conditions which are hereby made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.
5. **Title and Warranty:** Seller warrants and represents that it shall have legal title to all Feedstock sold to Buyer hereunder, and that the Feedstock shall be produced and transported in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Buyer reserves the right to reject any Feedstock delivery which does not meet the Feedstock specifications in Exhibit A of this Agreement or is deemed unsafe for unloading ("Unacceptable Feedstock").
 - a. **Insurance:** Seller shall maintain workers' compensation, property damage, and liability insurance, and shall cause its transportation contractor(s) to maintain truck insurance, as required by law.
 - b. **Title:** Title and risk of loss of Feedstock shall pass to Buyer upon delivery F.O.B. Buyers facilities.

Handwritten signature or initials.





EB-5 Approved Exemplar by USCIS for \$50 million



- USDA “National Interest” EB-5 project support letter received
- Aemetis advanced biofuels project converts former Army ammunition plant
- Creates 2,000 new direct, indirect and induced jobs
- Aemetis completed \$35 million EB-5 raise for Keyes ethanol plant
- 3% interest rate, subordinated funding, no conversion into stock
- No equity dilution to Aemetis

Job Creation

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues	\$63,381,000	\$92,125,000	\$94,718,000	\$95,135,000	\$95,353,000
Total Jobs	836	1,127	1,424	1,720	2,014



USDA 9003 Loan Guarantee Approved for \$125 million Loan

Loan Overview

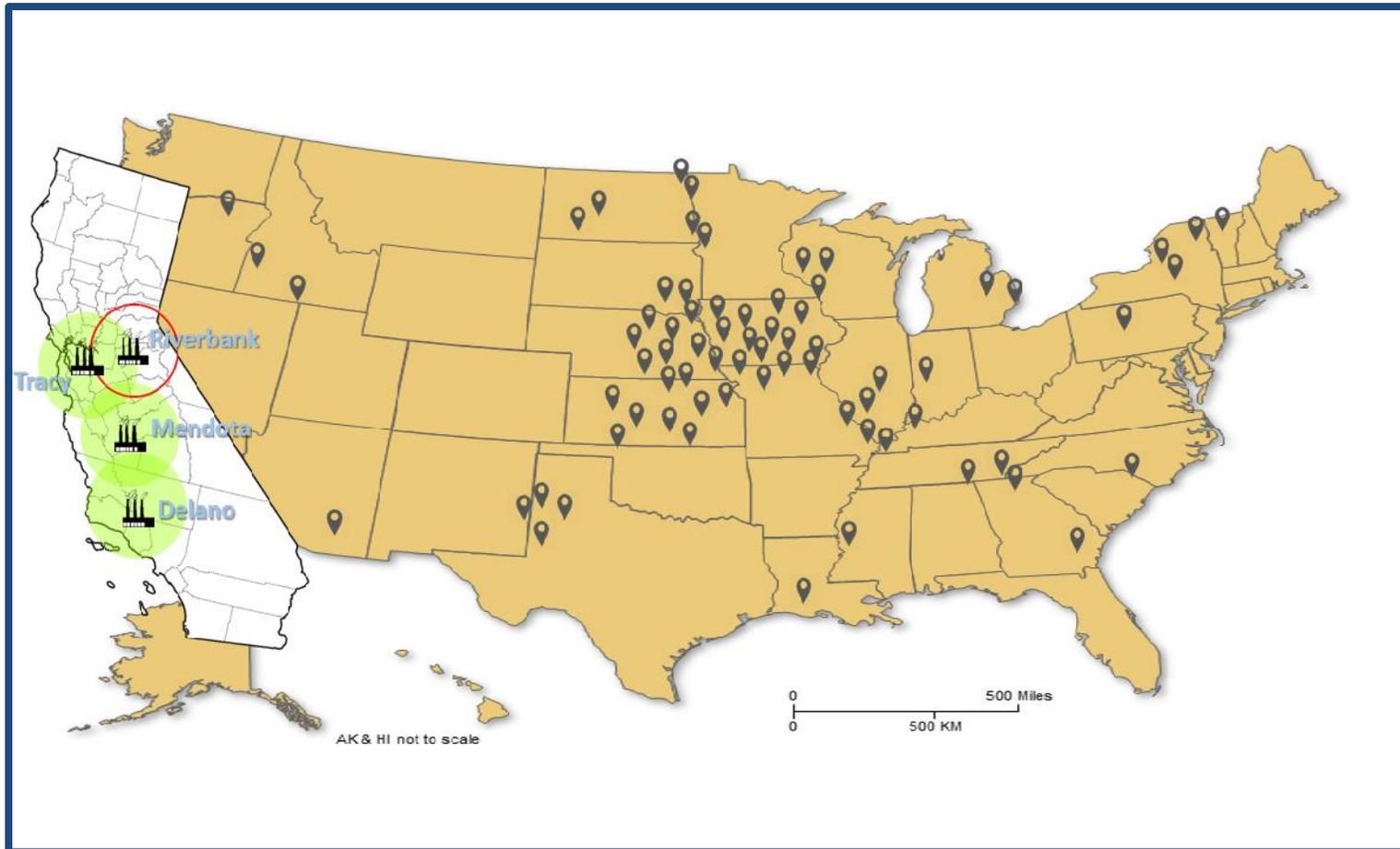
- USDA 9003 Biorefinery Assistance Program
- \$125 million, 20 year bank syndicated loan with 80% USDA Loan Guarantee
- Aemetis has invested \$10+ million in project to date

Milestones Achieved

- Environmental Assessment Completed
- 20 year Feedstock Contracts Completed
- Ethanol Off-Take Contracts Completed
- Integrated Demonstration Unit operated for 120 days
- Bank Approved Financial Model Complete
- Technical Report Completed
- Preliminary Engineering



Future Expansion in California: 160 million gallons at 4 plants





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