Sevana Bioenergy Acquires California RNG Project

The Rialto Bioenergy Facility. / SOURCE: Anaergia Inc.

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Sevana Bioenergy on June 10 announced the acquisition of the Rialto Bioenergy Facility, a renewable natural gas (RNG) plant located in Rialto, California. The facility, previously owned by a subsidiary of Anaergia Inc., was purchased via a bankruptcy auction.

Anaergia in May 2023 announced its subsidiary Rialto Bioenergy Facility LLC had initiated voluntary Chapter 11 restructuring proceedings in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California. During an earnings call in late 2023, the company indicated it was exploring the possibility of selling the Rialto plant. Sevana Bioenergy successfully bid $20 million for the facility in May 2024.

“The Rialto Bioenergy Facility is a strategic asset that aligns perfectly with Sevana Bioenergy’s mission to accelerate the production of RNG,” said John McKinney, CEO of Sevana Bioenergy. “This acquisition strengthens our presence on the West Coast and allows us to continue playing a vital role in helping California achieve its ambitious renewable energy and waste diversion goals.”

Anaergia broke ground on the Rialto facility in late 2018, with operations commencing in 2020. RNG produced at the plant began flowing into Southern California Gas Co.’s pipeline network in early 2021. According to Sevana Bioenergy, the plant has the

capacity to process 1,000 tons per day of a combination of food waste separated from municipal solid wastes, and municipal biosolids, producing up to 1 million MMBtu per year of carbon-negative RNG and soil products.

Following the acquisition, Sevana Bioenergy said it plans to integrate the Rialto facility into its existing portfolio of anaerobic digestion facilities. The company also said it will leverage its operational expertise to gradually ramp up throughput and RNG production at the facility and is committed to working with local stakeholders and community members in Rialto and Southern California to ensure safe and efficient operation of the facility.