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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Re											1.					
Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wright Christopher W				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]						5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2020							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy					
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						-	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
SACRAMEN	VTO, C	A 95814											d by More than	One Reporting I	Crson	
(City)		(State)	(Zip)		Tab	le I - No	n-Der	rivative	Secur	rities A	Acquir	red, Dispo	osed of, or	Beneficially (	Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acqui (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		f 1	5. Amount of See Beneficially Own Reported Transa (Instr. 3 and 4)		following (s)	Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
						Code	V	Amou	Ò	(A) or (D) P	Price			or Indirect (Inst (I) (Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stoo	ck		04/01/2020			F		15,86	<sup>63</sup> D	\$	0.25	165,464			D	
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Security or Ex (Instr. 3) Price	version xercise e of vative	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y	ar) any	te, if Transaction N Code C (Instr. 8) S		Number and		• /		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct ( or Indire	(Instr. 4)	
				Code	V (	A) (D)			Expii Date	ration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Wright Christopher W 400 CAPITOL MALL #2060 SACRAMENTO, CA 95814			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secy				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Christopher W. Wright	04/02/2020
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Amount represents shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock to cover withholding taxes.

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