

State of California
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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency: City of Montebello Planning Division
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State Clearinghouse #: 2008011122

Lead Agency Project Title: Montebello Hills Specific Plan (MHSP) EIR

CalGEM Project Title: 638729_SPR_PA

Project Applicant: Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC (SPR)

Project Location: Montebello Oil Field. The well is located within Montebello Hills.

County: Los Angeles County

Project Description: The proposed permitted activity is the abandonment of an existing well to current California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) standards.

The approved original project, disclosed in the certified environmental document, Montebello Hills Specific Plan (MHSP), consists of approximately 117.4 acres to be developed into residential use and the revegetation of the Montebello Hills Reserve.

The document analyzes the plug and abandonment of wells once they have stopped producing oil in economic quantities. Removal of oil and gas operations is contemplated in phases throughout the document to comply with the development plan and restoration of natural habitat for the MHSP.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified by the Lead Agency, the City of Montebello Planning Division, for the MHSP and SCH #2008011122. The EIR was certified on 6/25/2015.

The activity(s) being permitted by CalGEM is within the scope of MHSP EIR.

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permit(s) for SPR to abandon the well listed

below.

WellSTAR Form ID #	Well Name	LAT	LONG
638729	Baldwin 245	34.02919500	-118.08339500

CalGEM, as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, conducts an environmental review limited to those project impacts, which are required to be carried out or approved by CalGEM, or which will be subject to the exercise of powers by CalGEM. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21002.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096). This review includes considering the Lead Agency's environmental document(s) and determining whether the permitted activity falls within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

CalGEM completed its review of the permitted activity and determined that CalGEM will rely on the Lead Agency's environmental document(s), as it pertains to the permitted activity.

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above permitted activity on 1/14/2025.

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will
 - Have a significant effect on the environment
 - Not have a significant effect on the environment
2. **Environmental Document** prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 - Negative Declaration (ND)
3. **Mitigation Measures** were
 - Made a condition of approval of the project
 - Not made a condition of approval of the project
4. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)** was
 - Adopted for this project
 - Not adopted for this project
5. **Statement of Overriding Considerations** was
 - Adopted for this project
 - Not adopted for this project
6. **Findings** were
 - Made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)

An electronic copy of the final environmental document, including any Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting the City of Montebello Planning Division, located at 1600 W. Beverly Blvd., Montebello, CA 90640 (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Project/2008011122>).

Certified:

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Date:

1/14/2025