

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH #** 2013081079

**Project Title:** Revisions to Title 19 – Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2020A) Focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting

Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department

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City: Bakersfield

Zip: 93301-2323

County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Multiple

Cross Streets: n/a Zip Code Multiple

Lat. / Long.:

Total Acres: 3,700 square miles

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple

Section: Multiple

Twp.: Multiple

Range: Multiple

Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99, 58, 43, 46, 119, 223, 204, 33 Waterways: Kern River

Airports: Multiple

Railways: Multiple

Schools: Multiple

## Document Type:

CEQA:  NOP  
 Early Cons  
 Neg Dec  
 Mit Neg Dec

Draft EIR  
 Supplement/Subsequent EIR  
(Prior SCH No.) 2013081079  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA:  NOI  
 EA  
 Draft EIS  
 FONSI

Other:  Joint Document  
 Final Document  
 Other RTC

## Local Action Type:

General Plan Update  
 General Plan Amendment  
 General Plan Element  
 Community Plan

Specific Plan  
 Master Plan  
 Planned Unit Development  
 Site Plan

Rezone  
 Prezone  
 Use Permit  
 Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Annexation  
 Redevelopment  
 Coastal Permit  
 Amendment to Zone Ord.

## Development Type:

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational \_\_\_\_\_

Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: Oil and Gas Exploration and Production

## Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual  
 Agricultural Land  
 Air Quality  
 Archeological/Historical  
 Biological Resources  
 Coastal Zone  
 Drainage/Absorption  
 Economic/Jobs  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal  
 Flood Plain/Flooding  
 Forest Land/Fire Hazard  
 Geologic/Seismic  
 Minerals  
 Noise  
 Population/Housing Balance  
 Public Services/Facilities

Recreation/Parks  
 Schools/Universities  
 Septic Systems  
 Sewer Capacity  
 Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  
 Solid Waste  
 Toxic/Hazardous  
 Traffic/Circulation

Vegetation  
 Water Quality  
 Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Wetland/Riparian  
 Wildlife  
 Growth Inducing  
 Land Use  
 Cumulative Effects

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** Developed and undeveloped land in Kern County. Current Zoning Classifications and General Plan Map Code Designations to remain the same.

**Project Description:** The proposed project is the preparation of a Supplemental Recirculated EIR (SREIR) (October 2020) for reconsideration of Revision to Title 19 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2020 A) (Ordinance) for local permitting for oil and gas focused on Chapter 19.98 (Oil and Gas Production). On November 9, 2015 the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved amendments to Title 19 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance, 19.98( Oil and Gas Production) and related sections of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance) to address oil and gas exploration and operation activities within the Project Area in greater detail. The Board of Superiors also certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the impacts of the amendments, and the implementation of future oil and gas development activities expected to be undertaken pursuant to the amended Ordinance in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Effective March 25, 2020, the previously-approved Ordinance amendments and certified EIR were

set aside pursuant to an opinion issued by the Fifth Appellate District of the California Court of Appeal (Appellate Court) on February 25, 2020. The Appellate Court opinion rejected most of the legal challenges to the certified EIR except for five “CEQA violations” that the County must correct “in the event it decides to present the Ordinance (in its present or a modified form) to the Board for reapproval.”

A Draft SREIR (August 2020) was prepared, incorporating agency and public comments received during the NOP/IS and Scoping Process, and circulated August 3, 2020 for a 45 day public review period. This is the second circulation of a DSREIR for this process and incorporates all comments received on the Draft SREIR (August 2020) and the full document circulated August 2020. The County is preparing this SREIR to provide analysis to address the CEQA deficiencies found by the Appellate Court decision. The Draft SREIR will provide compliance for CEQA for reconsideration by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors of the Zoning Ordinance revisions focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting.

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| <u>      </u> Boating & Waterways, Department of      | <u>  S  </u> Office of Historic Preservation                       |
| <u>  S  </u> California Highway Patrol                | <u>      </u> Office of Public School Construction                 |
| <u>      </u> CalFire                                 | <u>  S  </u> Parks & Recreation                                    |
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| <u>      </u> Central Valley Flood Protection Board   | <u>  S  </u> Resources Agency                                      |
| <u>      </u> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy  | <u>      </u> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission       |
| <u>      </u> Coastal Commission                      | <u>      </u> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy |
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| <u>  S  </u> Conservation, Department of              | <u>      </u> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy                   |
| <u>      </u> Corrections, Department of              | <u>  S  </u> State Lands Commission                                |
| <u>      </u> Delta Protection Commission             | <u>      </u> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                            |
| <u>      </u> Education, Department of                | <u>  S  </u> SWRCB: Water Quality                                  |
| <u>  S  </u> Energy Commission                        | <u>      </u> SWRCB: Water Rights                                  |
| <u>  S  </u> Fish & Game Region # <u>  Fresno  </u>   | <u>      </u> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                       |
| <u>  S  </u> Food & Agriculture, Department of        | <u>  S  </u> Toxic Substances Control, Department of               |
| <u>      </u> General Services, Department of         | <u>  S  </u> Water Resources, Department of                        |
| <u>      </u> Health Services, Department of          | <u>      </u> Other _____  |
| <u>      </u> Housing & Community Development         | <u>      </u> Other _____  |
| <u>  S  </u> Integrated Waste Management Board        |  |
| <u>  S  </u> Native American Heritage Commission      |  |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date   January 29, 2021   Ending Date   February 10, 2021  

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
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**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_ **/S/** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**   01/29/2021