

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
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 Contact: Sarah Bahm; Phone: (559) 243-4014

Lead Agency:

Kern County Planning and Community Development
 2700 M Street, Suite 100
 Bakersfield, California 93301
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013081079

Project Title: Aera Energy LLC 64 Zone 38-35N Well Conversion Project (California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2020-058-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The 64 Zone 38-35N Oil Well Conversion Project (Project) is located within the CalGEM North Belridge oil field boundaries west of State Route 33, approximately eight miles southwest of the community of Lost Hills, in Kern County, California; specifically within the USGS 7.5-Minute Quadrangle Map Blackwells Corner in Township 27 South, Range 20 East, Section 35, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 068-220-13, 35°32'3.74"N, 119°47'29.59"W.

Project Description: The Project will convert an inactive production oil well into a produced water injection well. This conversion includes activities related to road widening and pipeline/power line corridor construction, well pad construction, well conversion, installation of an injection skid, produced water pipeline installation, electrical pole and power line installation, and road crossing, or ramp-over, construction.

The Project will result in permanent impacts to two acres of San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*) habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of San Joaquin antelope squirrel which are designated as a threatened species under CESA. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 6/14/2021 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a responsible agency).
 2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record

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of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

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Date: 6/14/2021

Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____