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California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: SCH# 2013081079 ***Conditional Permit***

Lead Agency Project Title: Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2020 (A), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting

Project Activity Title: OG Sentinel 092022-201

Permit Applicant: Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC

Project Location: Midway-Sunset Oil Field

County: Kern Sections: 23 Township: 31S Range: 22E Baseline: MDBM

Project Description:

CalGEM issues this permit as a “conditional approval” as described in Public Resources Code, section 21167.3, subdivision (a). That means the operator has permission to proceed with the permitted project as permitted by CalGEM herein when and only when the court makes a final determination in *Vaquero Energy Inc. v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court Nos. BCV-15-101645-GP, -10053-GP, and 100536-GP that the ordinance (Ch. 19.98) approved by Kern County in March 2021, and effective on April 7, 2021, and the supplemental environmental impact report supporting the ordinance, comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. CalGEM encourages applicants who receive conditional approvals to consult with their legal counsel for any legal advice or analysis regarding complying with Public Resources Code, section 21167.3, subdivision (a).

The project activity is within the scope of Title 19, Chapter 19.98 of Kern County Zoning Code (Oil and Gas Production), which dictates site development standards for all oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities in unincorporated Kern County. The Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the CEQA responsible agency, will be issuing a permit for the proposed project activity, which consists of the following:

CalGEM has approved a permit for Sentinel Peak Resources California LLC, to drill the well listed below, in the Midway-Sunset Oil Field of Kern County.

API #	Well Name	LAT LONG
0403069532	Dome I-252	35.222906, -119.580964
0403069545	Dome I-257	35.221383, -119.581242
0403069546	Drill Dome I-265	35.223461, -119.581162
0403069531	Drill Dome 236	35.222848, -119.580969

0403069547	Drill Dome I-264	35.223471, -119.581035
0403069548	Drill Dome 232	35.220460, -119.581851
0403069549	Drill Dome I-255	35.223011, -119.580962
0403069528	Drill Dome 222	35.221131, -119.580993
0403069533	Drill Dome I-253	35.221507, -119.581389
0403069550	Drill Dome 237	35.221575, -119.581253
0403069525	Drill Dome 219	35.222958, -119.580965
0403069534	Drill Dome I-254	35.221650, -119.581017
0403069552	Drill Dome I-269	35.220751, -119.581046
0403069527	Drill Dome 221	35.221129, -119.580926
0403069529	Drill Dome 234	35.221137, -119.581978
0403069553	Drill Dome I-268	35.220750, -119.581143
0403069530	Drill Dome 235	35.222693, -119.582128
0403069551	Drill Dome 231	35.220544, -119.581317
0403069526	Drill Dome 220	35.221490, -119.581030

Details on well locations are online at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 9/13/22 and 9/14/22.

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, a Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SREIR) was prepared and certified by the Lead Agency, Kern County Planning and Community Development Department, for the project "*Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2020 (A), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting*" (SCH# 2013081079). The SREIR for the project was approved on March 9, 2021 and became effective on April 7, 2021. During the review and approval process for this project activity, CalGEM considered the environmental impacts of the project, as shown in the SREIR prepared by the Lead Agency, and accepts the following determinations made by the Lead Agency:

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 (14 CCR 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of the SREIR prepared by Kern County Planning and Community Development Department for the project "*Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2020 (A), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting*" (SCH# 2013081079), including the Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at: 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at:

<https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/oil-and-gas-sreir/>

For any additional environmental impacts identified by CalGEM that are beyond those already identified by the Lead Agency, CalGEM has prepared additional documents as part of its responsible Agency review and approval process for this project activity, as follows:

No Additional Impacts **MMRP** **Findings** **Statement of Override**

A copy of these documents may be examined online at: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

Certified: Tharon Wright **Date:** 9/21/22
Geologic Energy Management Division