

State of California
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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: SCH# 2013081079

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

Project Activity Title: OG Chevron 062022-202

Permit Applicant: Chevron USA Inc.

Project Location: Lost Hills Oil Field

County: Kern Sections: 29 Township: 26S Range:21E 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 Chevron USA Inc, to drill the well listed below, in the Lost Hills Oil Field of Kern County.

API #	Well Name	LAT LONG
0403069624	3-8F	35.635816, -119.738162

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 10/21/22.

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:** 10/26/22
Geologic Energy Management Division