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Project Title: SSREIR for Revisions to Title 19 – Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2024) focused on oil and gas local permitting.
Lead Agency: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department **Contact Person:** Keith Alvidrez
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City: Bakersfield **Zip:** 93301 **County:** Kern

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Multiple
Cross Streets: N/A Zip Code: Multiple
Lat. / Long.: N/A Total Acres: Approx 2.3 million sq acres
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 Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Zoning Ordinance

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Oil and Gas Exploration and Production

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Wildlife
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Growth Inducing
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Land Use
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Cumulative Effects
 Other _____

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

Project Description: The proposed project is the preparation of Second Supplemental Recirculated EIR (SSREIR) for reconsideration of Revisions to Title 19 of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2020 A) 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, Chapter 19.98 (Oil and Gas Production) and related sections of the Kern County Zoning Ordinance to address oil and gas exploration and operation activities within the

proposed project area in greater detail. The Board of Supervisors 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). In response to continued litigation, the Board of Supervisors certified on March 8, 2021, a Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SREIR) and adopted a Revised Ordinance. Various parties sued to challenge the decision and on March 7, 2024, the Appellate Court issued a second opinion directing the County to continue to suspend permitting under the ordinance and to correct three CEQA violations... before certifying the revised environmental impact report as complete and approving such an ordinance. The purpose of this SSREIR is to provide analysis to address the CEQA issues found by the Appellate Court decision and provide compliance for CEQA for the 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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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 22, 2024 Ending Date April 22, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ */s/* _____ **Date:** 3/22/2024
Keith Alvidrez, Planner II