

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2013081079

Project Title: Revisions to Title 19 - Kern County Zoning Ordinance Code (2025A) Focused on Oil and Gas Local Permit

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Project Location: Unincorporated Area Kern County  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Proposed Revisions to Title 19 – Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2025A) focused on oil and gas local permitting to implement site specific regulations and enhanced environmental protections for oil and gas activities in the unincorporated areas of the valley portion of Kern County. A Second Supplemental Recirculated EIR has been prepared to address three issues under CEQA directed to be addressed under legal actions. The previously adopted Title 19 -Kern County Zoning Ordinance for local permitting was ordered to be rescinded by the court and was rescinded on October 8, 2024 by the Board of Supervisors. The current ordinance permits oil and gas activities without any local permit or environmental regulation and only subject to a permit by the State of California.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potential significant adverse environmental impacts that would result from the proposed project that are a subject of this SSREIR were evaluated in SSREIR Chapter 4, Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures. The mitigation measures and impacts conclusions are summarized in SSREIR Chapter 1, Executive Summary and include a summary table of impact conclusions for all topic areas. This SSREIR concludes that the proposed project has the potential to cause significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the following categories: Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Utilities and Service Systems. In addition, the SREIR (2020/2021) previously concluded that the proposed project has the potential to cause significant and unavoidable environmental impacts in the following Noise category. The determinations regarding each impact category as the result of the evaluation in this SSREIR are the same as described in the SREIR (2020/2021).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Areas of controversy were identified through written agency and public comments received during the 2015 Draft EIR scoping period. Those areas are included in the 2015 FEIR Chapter 1.0, Executive Summary (in Volume 3 of this SSREIR).

Scoping comments for this SSREIR (provided in Section 2.4) identified the following general areas of controversy:

- \* Since the DEIR (2015) was circulated, two species that may be present within the proposed project area have been listed under the California Endangered Species Act.
- \* Health-related concerns in relations to oil and gas production.
- \* The need to assess the health risks posed by drilling and operating multiple wells near a sensitive receptor.
- \* The need to analyze and mitigate the proposed project's impacts on drinking water supplies including in disadvantage communities.
- \* The need to evaluate agriculture conservation easements as mitigation for the proposed project's impact on farmland.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The following agencies are included as Responsible Agencies under the provisions of CEQA and could utilize the certified FEIR for oil and gas activities:

- \* California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) permitting of oil and gas activities, including well stimulation, in the proposed project area.
- \* San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) permitting for oil and gas related equipment/facilities, including, for example, boilers, steam generators, process heaters, flares, tanks, and portable equipment
- \* Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) and Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification and WDR waivers
- \* California Department of Fish and Wildlife incidental take permits
- \* California Department of Toxic Substance Control oversight of routine management and cleanup of non-petroleum spills and releases
- \* California Department of Transportation encroachment permits
- \* Central Valley Flood Protection Control Board encroachment permits
- \* Kern County Water Agency and other water districts' permits for water-related uses