State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning & Research

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Lead Agency: California Public Utilities Commission

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Lead Agency Project Title: Kirby Hills II Natural Gas Storage Facility

CalGEM Project Title: 568915_Group_Lodi_UGS

Project Applicant: Lodi Gas Storage, LLC (LGS)

Project Location: Kirby Hills Gas Field; Section 30, Township 04N, Range 01E

County: Solano County

Project Description: LGS proposes to rework two gas storage wells in the Kirby Hills Gas Field. The project activities being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) are within the scope of the Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility (IS/MND). The reworks involve using a service rig. A casing inspection will be performed, followed by installation of tubing on packer assembly and pressure test.

The IS/MND discusses the continual maintenance (rework) of the gas storage facility. The rework of the wells will ensure compliance with revised regulations, Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 1726 et seq., to enhance the safety of underground gas storage (UGS) projects.

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permits for LGS to rework 2 wells, listed below, in the Kirby Hills Gas Field in Solano County.

API#	Well Name	LAT*	LONG*
0409521310	Lambie WS 23-14	38.16712570	-121.91362000
0409521307	Lambie WS 21-5	38.16429138	-121.90834045

CalGEM, as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, conducts an environmental review limited to

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will

those project impacts, which are required to be carried out or approved by CalGEM, or which will be subject to the exercise of powers by CalGEM. (Pub. Resources Code, § 21002.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096). This review includes considering the Lead Agency's environmental document(s) and determining whether the project falls within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

CalGEM completed its review of the proposed project activity(s) and determined that CalGEM will rely on the Lead Agency's environmental document(s), as it pertains to the proposed project activity(s).

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above project activity(s) on 07/29/2024.

	 □ Have a significant effect on the environment <u>⊠Not</u> 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 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091) ☐ Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)

A copy of the Kirby Hills Natural Gas Storage Facility Phase II IS/MND and associated documents prepared by the California Public Utilities Commission, including the Response to Comments, MMRP, and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting the California Public Utilities Commission, located at: 550 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at:

https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/kirbyhills/toc-mnd2.htm

Certified:

Date: <u>7/30/2024</u>

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