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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Road, P.O. Box 1653
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Attention: Richard Brody
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Dear Mr. Brody:

**BALLONA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT
NOP - NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT EIR
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, SOUTH COAST REGION 5 (CDFW)
SCH: NO. 2012071090**

The Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (Division) has reviewed the above-referenced project for impacts with Division jurisdictional authority. The Division supervises the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells in California. The Division offers the following comments for your consideration.

The project area is in Los Angeles County. Based on Figure 2 in the "NOP - Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR," the project areas lie within or near the Playa del Rey oil field. Approximately 25 active, idle, and abandoned oil and gas wells and other oil field infrastructure that may affect the proposed project are located within the project area. Division information can be found at: www.conservation.ca.gov. Individual well records are also available on the Division's web site, or by emailing CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov.

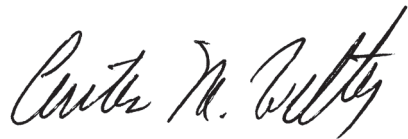
The scope and content of information that is germane to the Division's responsibility are contained in Section 3000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code, and administrative regulations under Title 14, Division 2, Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

If any wells, including any plugged, abandoned or unrecorded wells, are damaged or uncovered during excavation, grading or other project operations, remedial plugging operations may be required. If such damage or discovery occurs, the Division's district office must be contacted to obtain information on the requirements and approval to perform remedial operations.

The possibility for future problems from oil and gas wells that have been plugged and abandoned, or reabandoned, to the Division's current specifications are remote. However, the Division recommends that a diligent effort be made to avoid building over any plugged and abandoned well.

Questions regarding the Division's Construction Site Well Review Program can be addressed to the local Division's office in Long Beach by emailing CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov or by calling (562) 637-4400.

Sincerely,



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