

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

Office of Planning and Research
 For U.S. Mail:
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From:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
 Central Region
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 Fresno, California 93720
 Contact: Craig Bailey
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Lead Agency
 Same as above

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2013081063

Project Title: DEC – 12 Well Drilling Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2011-072-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The DEC – 12 Well Drilling Project (Project) is located approximately 2.5 miles south-southeast of the City of Maricopa within Kern County. The Project is located on portions of Sections 19 and 20, Township 11 North, Range 23 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian, within the Pentland United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.


Project Description: The Project includes the development, operation, and maintenance of 9 production wells, 3 injection wells, and associated pipelines, electrical power lines and roads on 12 well pads within an existing oilfield for the continued exploration, development, production, recovery and processing of oil and gas reserves.

The Project will result in impacts to 10.65 acres of San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*) and San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*) habitat including temporary impacts to 1.25 acres and permanent impacts to 9.4 acres. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of San Joaquin antelope squirrel and San Joaquin kit fox, which are designated as threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as reissued by CDFW to a new Permittee authorizes project-related incidental take of San Joaquin antelope squirrel and San Joaquin kit fox subject to various conditions of approval that will, among other things, minimize and fully mitigate all the impacts of the authorized taking.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 10/5/2022 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature**Date:** 10/5/2022

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____