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California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Central Valley Gas Storage Project

CalGEM Project Title: UGS CVGS 072023-001

Project Applicant: Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC (CVGS)

Project Location: Princeton Gas Field

County: Colusa County

Project Description:

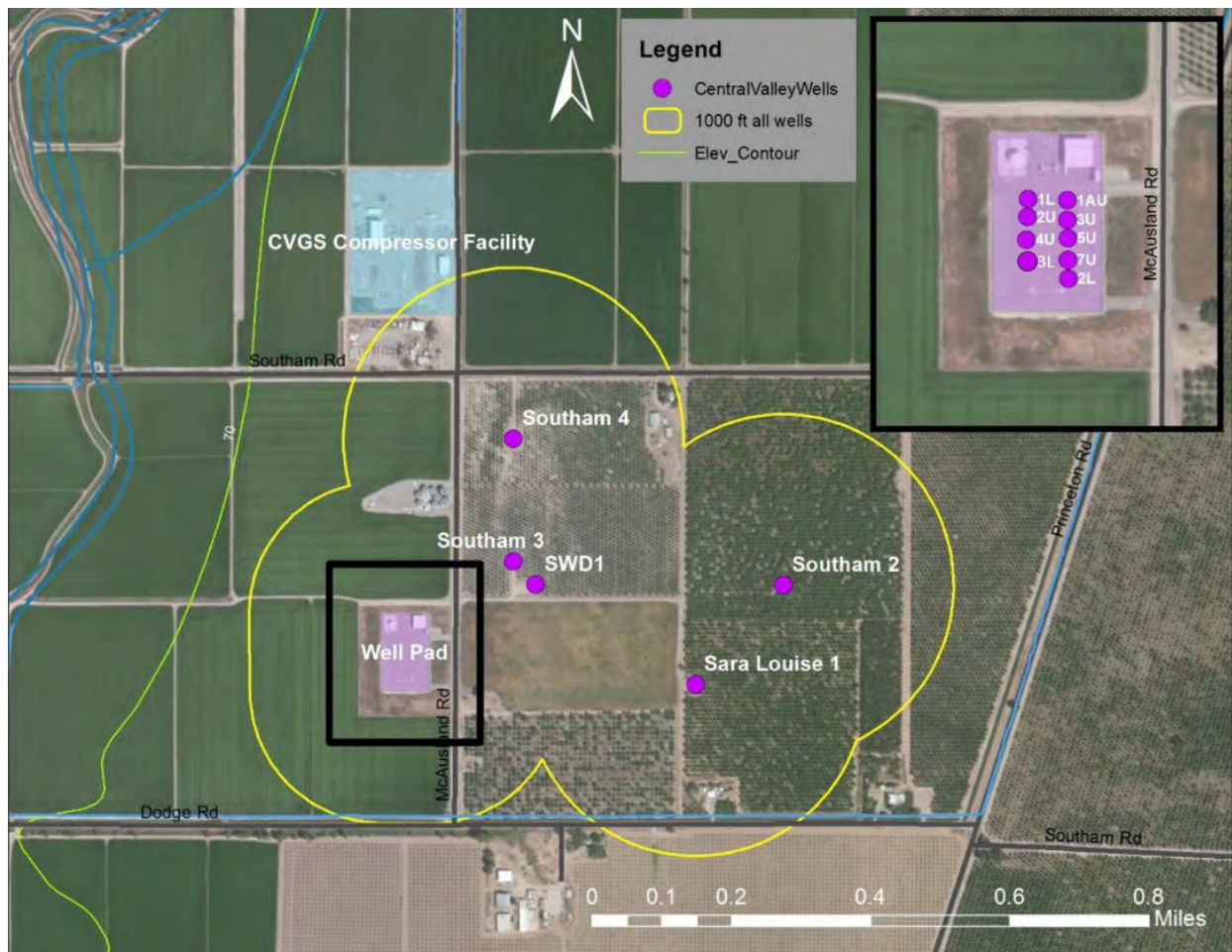
CVGS proposes to rework 6 wells and abandon 1 well in Princeton Gas Field. The project activities being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) are within the scope of the Central Valley Gas Storage Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The reworks involve collecting corrosion logs, installing tubing, and performing pressure tests. Two of the reworks include converting the well from Observation to Gas Storage. The MND includes up to 10 injection/withdrawal wells and conversion of up to three existing wells. 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.

The wells and associated access roads are located within agricultural fields. The well pad site is surrounded by an approximate 5-acre secured buffer area (Figure 1).

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permit(s) for CVGS to rework 6 wells and abandon 1 well, listed below, in the Princeton Gas Field of Colusa County (Figure 1).

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
API 0401120970	C.V.G.S. 3L	39.37981415	-122.03240967
API 0401120925	C.V.G.S. 1-L	39.38022614	-122.03240967
API 0401120920	C.V.G.S. 4-U	39.37995148	-122.03240967
API 0401120881	SWD-1	39.38115311	-122.02952576
API 0401120918	C.V.G.S. 2-U	39.38008881	-122.03240967
API 0401120383	Southam 4	39.38349152	-122.03000641
API 0401120664	Sara Louise 1	39.37957001	-122.02615356

Figure 1. Proposed Project Location



CalGEM, as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, conducts an environmental review limited to 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 May 30, 2024.

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will
 - Have a significant effect on the environment
 - Not 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 Central Valley Gas Storage Project 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: 505 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/dudek/cvgs/CVGS_HOME.htm

Certified: Jan Perez **Date:** _____

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