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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act  
 Notice of Determination

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**Lead Agency:** California Public Utilities Commission  
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**State Clearinghouse #:** 2009071057

**Lead Agency Project Title:** Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project

**CalGEM Project Title:** 566761\_Group\_Gill Ranch\_UGS

**Project Applicant:** Gill Ranch Storage, LLC

**Project Location:** Gill Ranch Gas Field

**County:** Madera County

**Project Description:**

The proposed permitting activity is a new drill and a rework in an underground gas storage (UGS) field. The installation of new wells is addressed in the Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Project Description, pages 2-1 to 2-24. The proposed permitting activity of a rework is contemplated in the MND. See Executive Summary pages 2-1 to 2-24.

The project activity(s) being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is within the scope of the Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project MND.

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permit(s) for Gill Ranch Storage, LLC. to drill and rework the wells listed below, in the Gill Ranch Gas Field in Madera County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0403920139	Unspecified 11-20-207 New Drill	36.789200	-120.258285
0403920118	34-18-202 Rework	36.794635	-120.264518

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 10/16/2024.

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 Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project MND and associated documents prepared by California Public Utilities Commission, including the MND, MMRP, and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting 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/mha/gillranch/gillranch.htm>. A copy of this NOD may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

**Certified:** greg chittick **Date:** 10/16/2024  
 CEQA Program Contractor  
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