

State of California
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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
 Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: SCH# 2009071057

Lead Agency Project Title: Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project

CalGEM Project Title: UGS Gill Ranch 082023-001

Project Applicant: Gill Ranch Storage, LLC

Project Location: Gill Ranch Gas Field; Section 21, Township 13S, Range 16E, B&M: MD

County: Madera County

Project Description: The approved project is a rework to install and test blowout preventers, pull tubing out of hole, running casing inspection logs, running new 5-1/2" tubing and packer in hole, pressure test casing of four underground gas storage (UGS) wells. The rework of the existing wells is contemplated in the mitigated negative declaration for the project. The rework will ensure compliance with revised regulations (14 CCR § 1726 et seq.) to enhance the safety of UGS projects.

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

CalGEM, as the CEQA responsible agency, approved permit(s) for Gill Ranch Storage, LLC to rework the wells listed below, in the Gill Ranch Gas Field of Madera County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude, Longitude
0403920127	32-21-104	36.787948, -120.230247
0403920124	11-21-102	36.792606, -120.238113
0403920125	32-21-105	36.787952, -120.230171
0403920128	11-20-204	36.789268, -120.258194

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

Details on well locations are online at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

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 4/2/2024 and 4/4/2024.

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 [mitigated negative declaration](#) and associated documents prepared by California Public Utilities Commission including the Response to Comments, MMRP, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the California Public Utilities Commission, located at: 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 or online at: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/mha/gillranch/fismnd.htm>.

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