

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# 2001122093

Lead Agency Project Title: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project

CalGEM Project Title: UGS Wild Goose 102023-001

Project Applicant: Wild Goose Storage, LLC

Project Location: Wild Goose Storage Gas Field;
Section 17, Township 17N Range 01E, B&M MD

County: Butte County

Project Description: The approved project is to drill three replacement gas storage wells and rework three wells. The new wells are part of the routine replacement of the lost deliverability incurred due to previous plug and abandonment work at the Wild Goose Storage Field. Drilling the replacement wells is expected to take 75 days to complete. Activity for the reworks involves hydrostatically controlling each well, pulling the tubing, and performing a casing inspection and pressure test. Each well will be reconfigured by installing a tubing on packer assembly, followed by an annular pressure test. After the reworks are completed, the wells will return to service. The replacement wells and the reworks will ensure compliance with CalGEM's 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 Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project environmental impact report.

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

API #	Well Name	LAT, LONG in NAD83
0400720113	Unit 2 2 35	39.324208, -121.883545
0400720115	Unit 2 36	39.324208, -121.883598
0400720114	Unit 2 37	39.324522, -121.883573
0400720098	Unit 2 23HZ	39.324531, -121.88300323
0400720105	Unit 2 WG28HZ	39.324182, -121.88333130
0400720106	Unit 2 WG29HZ	39.324184, -121.88338470

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(s) 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 April 26, 2024, and April 29, 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 Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project environmental impact report 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/ene/wild%20goose_phase%203/Wild_Goose_3.html

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