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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: 2010 SEIR: Wild Goose Storage LLC – Phase 3 Gas Storage Expansion Project – Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report; the 2002 EIR: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project; and the 1997 MND: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Wild Goose Gas Storage Project Natural Gas Storage Facilities (A.96-08-058)

CalGEM Project Title: 661241_Wild Goose_UGS

Project Applicant: Wild Goose Storage LLC (Wild Goose)

Project Location: Wild Goose Gas Field; 17/17N/01E/MD

County: Butte County

Project Description: The proposed permitting activity is the rework of one well to convert from observation status to underground gas storage service. The proposed work would meet the requirements of CalGEM's rules for Underground Gas Storage Projects that became effective October 1, 2018.

The proposed work would be performed using a service rig and ancillary services. Rig work would involve hydrostatically controlling the well, removing the wellhead, pulling the existing tubing, and performing a casing inspection. Perforations would be added and a screened-liner would be installed. For sand control, a gravel-pack operation would be performed. A new tubing and packer assembly would be installed. Finally, the wellhead would be re-installed, and a series of pressure tests would be performed to confirm integrity. Service rig work is expected to take 20 days. Following the rig-work, the well would be tied-in to the existing gathering/pipeline system.

The project activity being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is within the scope of the Wild Goose Storage LLC – Phase 3 Gas Storage Expansion Project – Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report as well as the 2002 EIR: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project, and the 1997 MND: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Wild Goose Gas Storage Project Natural Gas Storage Facilities (A.96-08-058).

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved a permit for Wild Goose Storage LLC to rework the well listed below, in the Wild Goose Gas Field in Butte County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0400720104	Wild Goose Gas Unit 2 25V	39.32453156	-121.88317108

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 proposed permitting activity(s) falls within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

CalGEM completed its review of the proposed permitting activity(s) and determined that CalGEM will rely on the Lead Agency's environmental document(s), as it pertains to the proposed permitting activity(s).

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above permitting activity(s) on 3/6/2025.

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 1997 MND: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Wild Goose Gas Storage Project Natural Gas Storage Facilities (A.96-08-058), the 2002 EIR: Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project, and the 2010 SEIR: Wild Goose Storage LLC – Phase 3 Gas Storage Expansion Project – Final Supplemental

Environmental Impact Report and associated documents prepared by the California Public Utilities Commission, including the FEIR, Addendum, 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, (415) 703-5326; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at:

1997 MND: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/goose.htm>

2002 EIR: https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/mha/wild_goose/index.html

2010 SEIR:

https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/ene/wild%20goose_phase%203/Wild_Goose_3.html

A copy of this NOD may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse:

<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

Certified:

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3/6/2025

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