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Project Title: OG Reabold 0401320386  
Project Applicant: Reabold California, LLC  
Project Location: Brentwood Oil Field  

County: Contra Costa  
Section: 17  
Township: 01N  
Range/Baseline: 02E / MD B&M  
Latitude/Longitude: 37.93905100 / -121.77066100

The proposed project consists of drilling one new well in the Brentwood Oil Field in Contra Costa County. The proposed well is located in the established historical boundary of the West Brentwood Oil and Gas Field and is between two abandoned producers. The land is dry land farmed for grain and was just harvested and disked.

API # Well Name  
0401320386 Venturini-Ginochio 6

Details on well locations can be found on the Division’s website at:

http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division), has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. The Division further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).
**Statutory Exemption:**
- **Ongoing Project (pre-CEQA, Approval prior to April 5, 1973)**
  - Statute: 21169
  - Regulation: 15261 (b)

**Categorical Exemption:**
- **Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land**
  - Statute: 21084

**General Exemption (“common sense”)**
- Statute: 15061 (b)(3)

**Not a “Project” subject to CEQA**
- Statute: 15378 (b)(2)

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**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The basis for the Division’s determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

**15261(b) - Ongoing Project:** The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under the Ongoing Project exemption (PRC 21169; 14 CCR 15261(b)) because the Division identified administrative boundaries of the Brentwood oil & gas field that were approved prior to April 5, 1973 (pre-CEQA). Division permit approvals for oil & gas activities within this field occurred before April 5, 1973 and those permit approvals occurring after that date do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over the project as a whole than did the prior approvals.

**Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 4” (14 CCR 15304) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the project involves the minor alteration of the condition of land and/or vegetation within a densely developed oil field and does not require the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

**Exceptions to Exemptions:** The Division further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any “unusual circumstances” associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and that there is no significant “cumulative impacts” resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

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A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at the Division’s CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: [https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov) and/or the Division’s website at [http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA).

**Certified:**

Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

**Date:** 11/26/2019

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**CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions** (14 CCR 15300.2): where project is located (e.g. sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.