

State of California
Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation
GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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From: **Lead Agency**
Department of Conservation
Geologic Energy Management Division
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Project Title: OG CREH 3 Wells 06032021

Project Applicant: California Resources Elk Hills, LLC

Project Location: Buena Vista Oil Field

<i>County:</i>	<u> Kern </u>	<i>Section:</i>	<u> 01 </u>
<i>Township:</i>	<u> 32S </u>	<i>Range/Baseline:</i>	<u> 23E MD BM </u>
<i>Latitude/Longitude:</i>	<u> NA </u>		

Project Description:

California Resources Elk Hills, LLC (CREH) proposes to drill three (3) new oil wells. The wells are within Federal mineral leases CAS0019577, CAS0019343, and CAS0019396B in the Buena Vista oil field in Kern County. The proposed project consists of grading new and existing well pad locations, and installation of associated power poles and pipelines to accommodate the drilling of 2 new wells. The project will occur on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC §21000, *et seq.*) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000, *et seq.*), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) is the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, while the BLM is the NEPA lead agency. The Division has reviewed BLM's approved FONSI (DOI-BLM-CA-CO60-2021-0049-EA) and finds that it meets the requirements of CEQA. BLM found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the Division intends to use the FONSI rather than preparing a Negative Declaration for this project.

CalGEM has approved new drill permits to SPR for the following wells:

API #	Well Name
0403069270	4-6H-6D
0403069269	8-8H-26B
0403069271	6-7H-6D

Details on well locations can be found on CalGEM's website at:
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above described project on August 16 and has made the following determinations as a result of its environmental review:

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/used for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Finding of No Significance (FONSI), in place of ND/MND
 - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in place of EIR
 - Negative Declaration (ND) Joint Environmental Document:
 - EIS/EIR FONSI/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 (14 CCR 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of CalGEM's environmental documents for this project, including any Response to Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the CalGEM/CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street Suite 1805, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

The approved NEPA documents including Environmental Assessments, Finding of No Significant Impact, Record of Decision and any supporting documents are available for review on BLM's website at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Certified: _____ *Larry Kleinecke* _____ **Date:** _____
Geologic Energy Management Division
CEQA Unit