



February 1, 2023

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Dana Eady
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Dear Ms. Eady:

SCH 2022020194 RICHARDS RANCH ANNEXATION PROJECT

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (Division) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the project referenced above (Project).

The Division has previously commented on this project. Please see the letter dated March 9, 2022 attached for reference.

Thank you for considering the Division's comments. If you have any questions, please contact our District office at (805) 937-7246 or via email at CalGEMNorthern@conservation.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Miguel Cabrera

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Northern District Deputy

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03/09/2022

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Construction Site Well Review (CSWR) ID: 1012429

Assessor Parcel Number(s): 107250022, 107250019, 107250020, 107250021

Property Owner(s): Richards Ranch LLC

Project Location Address: 4470 Orcutt Road Santa Maria, California 93455

Project Title: SCH 2022020194 Richards Ranch Annexation Project

Public Resources Code (PRC) § 3208.1 establishes well reabandonment responsibility when a previously plugged and abandoned well will be impacted by planned property development or construction activities. Local permitting agencies, property owners, and/or developers should be aware of, and fully understand, that significant and potentially dangerous issues may be associated with development near oil, gas, and geothermal wells.

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has received and reviewed the above referenced project dated 2/23/2022. To assist local permitting agencies, property owners, and developers in making wise land use decisions regarding potential development near oil, gas, or geothermal wells, the Division provides the following well evaluation.

The project is located in Santa Barbara County, within the boundaries of the following fields:

N/A

The nearest oil well pad is approximately 150 feet to the east of the proposed project boundary. There are three plugged conductors and one Idle well on the pad to the east.

Our records indicate there are no known oil or gas wells located within the project boundary as identified in the application.

- Number of wells Not Abandoned to Current Division Requirements as Prescribed by Law and Projected to Be Built Over or Have Future Access Impeded by this project: 0
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As indicated in PRC § 3106, the Division has statutory authority over the drilling, operation, maintenance, and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells, and attendant facilities, to prevent, as far as possible, damage to life, health, property, and natural resources; damage to underground oil, gas, and geothermal deposits; and damage to underground and surface waters suitable for irrigation or domestic purposes. In addition to the Division's authority to order work on wells pursuant to PRC §§ 3208.1 and 3224, it has authority to issue civil and criminal penalties under PRC §§ 3236, 3236.5, and 3359 for violations within the Division's jurisdictional authority. The Division does not regulate grading, excavations, or other land use issues.

If during development activities, any wells are encountered that were not part of this review, the property owner is expected to immediately notify the Division's construction site well review engineer in the Coastal district office, and file for Division review an amended site plan with well casing diagrams. The District office will send a follow-up well evaluation letter to the property owner and local permitting agency.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 937-7246 or via email at Miguel.Cabrera@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Jon Iverson
Senior Oil and Gas Engineer

signature on behalf of

Miguel Cabrera
Northern District Deputy

cc: Dana Eady - Plan Checker