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**PLANNING AND NATURAL
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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**RECIRCULATED
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARING ON
THE RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE CARBON TERRAVALT I (KERN COUNTY) PROJECT**

This is to advise that the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(1) provides that when an EIR is recirculated, Kern County, as Lead Agency, may require that reviewers submit new comments on the entire EIR, and the Lead Agency need not to respond to those comments received in the earlier circulation period. Kern County will therefore respond in the Final Recirculated EIR to only comments submitted during this comment period and through the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hearings.

As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is 45 days.

PROJECT TITLE: Recirculated Draft EIR Carbon TerraVault I (Kern County) by California Resources Corporation (CRC) (PP22405); ZCC 5, Map 119; ZCC 4, Map 120; CUP 13, Map 118; CUP 14, Map 118; CUP 5, Map 119; CUP 6, Map 119; CUP 3, Map 120; CUP 2, Map 138.

PROJECT LOCATION: Within the administrative boundary of the Elk Hills oilfield, which is owned and operated by CRC in unincorporated Kern County. The proposed project area is situated on the west side of Elk hills Road and the north side of Skyline Road. It is located on Sections 12 and 13 of Township 30 South, Range 22 East; Sections 7, 8, 17-22, 25-30, and 34-36 of Township 30 South, Range 23 East; Section 30 and 31 Township 30 South, Range 24 East; and Section 1 of Township 31 South, Range 23 East of the Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDBM). The boundaries of the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Surface Land Area and Underground Storage Area (pore space) for the proposed project are approximately 26 miles from Bakersfield city center, approximately 8.5 miles from the City of Taft, approximately five (5) miles from the unincorporated community of Tupman, and approximately four (4) miles from the unincorporated community of Buttonwillow.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Recirculated Draft EIR and the documents referenced in it are available for public review at the Planning and Natural Resources Department, which is located at 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, in Bakersfield, CA 93301 or on the Department website at: <https://kernplanning.com/environmental-doc/carbon-terravault-1-kerncounty>

PUBLIC COMMENT: The required Recirculated Draft EIR public review period is 45 days.

June 4th, 2024 – July 18th, 2024

Written comments may be submitted to the project planner identified below prior to the close of the Recirculated Draft EIR public review period on **July 18th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** to:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
ATTN: Keith Alvidrez, Planner II
2700 “M” Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Phone: (661) 862-5015
E-mail: CTV1EIRComments@kerncounty.com

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing has been scheduled with the Kern County Planning Commission to consider a recommendation on the project and solicit comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Recirculated Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

DATE: August 22, 2024
TIME: 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter
LOCATION: Chambers of the Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center, First Floor
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

After consideration by the Planning Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled for the Kern County Board of Supervisors for final consideration and action. Comments may be provided at that hearing or prior to any action by the Board of Supervisors on any matter. The Board of Supervisors decision is final.

If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ASSISTANCE: If you have any **questions** about the proposed project or issues accessing the document, please contact the project planner directly :

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A proposed CCS facility for permanent underground storage of up to 48 million tons of CO₂ in two reservoir formations on approximately 9,104 surface acres in the Elk Hills Oilfield in unincorporated Kern County and the related initial source for the capture of CO₂. The land acreage of the CCS Land Surface Area, which comprises the Conditional Use Permits being considered, has been reduced from the original 9,130 acres to 9,104 acres through changes in the location of the facility onsite pipeline.

The initial source of CO₂ is the pre-combustion oilfield gas from infield locations, including uses associated with the existing Elk Hills Power Plant. Maximum injection per year from future sources would be up to 2,210,000 tons per year divided between the two formations (R-26 and A1-A-2). The facility consists of an underground pore space, approved by the EPA as the “area of review” where CO₂ will become permanently mineralized into rock, the CCS Surface Land Area over the underground storage area where limited uses will be permitted, approval of six (6) EPA Class VI UIC wells, conversion and creation of wells for CO₂ leak monitoring and seismic activity, approximately 11 miles of facility and injection underground pipeline for capture of pre-combustion gas, and the related infrastructure improvements for the capture, transfer, and permanent storage of CO₂.

Implementation of the proposed project includes the following requests :

- Zone Change Cases (ZCC No. 5, Map No. 118 and ZCC No. 4, Map No. 120): From A-1 (Limited Agriculture) to A (Exclusive Agriculture) on approximately 6,160 acres; and
- Conditional Use Permits (CUP No. 13 Map No. 118, CUP No. 14 Map No. 118, CUP No. 5 Map 119, CUP No. 6 Map 119, CUP No. 3, Map 120, CUP No. 2 Map No. 138): For a CCS underground facility for CO₂ storage, the capture of pre-combustion oilfield gas as a source, and the transport of CO₂ by underground facility pipeline on approximately 9,104 surface acres in the A (Exclusive Agriculture) Zone District.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: Anticipated significant and unavoidable impacts on Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gases, Water Supply (Hydrology), Energy, Mineral Resources, Noise, and Water Supply (Utilities and Service Systems.)

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cc: County Clerk (2) (with fee)
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Supervisory District No. 4