



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the lead state agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Poso Creek Phase III Underground Injection Control Project 566-09-021 project. In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, CalGEM has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of availability of the IS-MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:** The Poso Creek Phase III Underground Injection Control Project 566-09-021 by E&B Natural Resources Corporation involves steam flood and cyclic steam production activities necessary to construct and produce 62 new wells, on the proposed sites within three surface lease areas (federal and private lands), for a total disturbance equal to 60 acres. The proposed Project is in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 12 miles north of Bakersfield, and wholly within the Poso Creek Oil Field (Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 27 East).

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The IS-MND describes potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been included to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. All other resource areas evaluated were found to have no impact or to be less than significant.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning **May 13, 2022, and ending June 13, 2022**. Written comments should be submitted and received no later than 5:00 P.M., Pacific Standard Time, on June 13, 2022. Written comments should be sent to: California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), Attn: Ray Mullins, 715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814; or email comments to [CEQA@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA@conservation.ca.gov).

**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** The IS-MND is now available for public review at the following location during normal business hours: the Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. An electronic copy is also posted on the CalGEM website: <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dog/CEQA/Pages/CEQANotices.aspx>.

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the IS-MND, please contact Ray Mullins, [CEQA@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA@conservation.ca.gov), (916) 917-3654