



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO: California State Clearinghouse; California Responsible and Trustee Agencies; Other Interested Public Agencies; and Interested Parties and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearing for the Signal Hill Petroleum Conditional Use Permit 97-03 Extension Project**

DATE: May 10, 2024

SUMMARY: The City of Signal Hill (City), as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed 20-year extension of Signal Hill Petroleum’s (SHP) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 97-03. SHP is seeking to modify CUP 97-03 with the following objectives:

1. Extend the life of the CUP by an additional 20-year term.
2. Continue existing consolidated drill site operations, including drilling new wells within the existing CUP footprint on an as needed basis, to continue providing a local source of high-quality oil, natural gas, and electricity, and install upgrades to a natural gas processing system.

SHP would continue to operate the CUP facilities (Drill Sites and Central Processing Facilities) in accordance with the existing City Municipal Oil and Gas Code, conditions of approval and mitigation measures, and in continued compliance with existing county, state, and federal requirements, including those published by California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM). SHP would also continue ongoing ‘by right’ oil and gas operations consistent with the City’s Oil and Gas Code (Signal Hill Municipal Code – Title 16) and CalGEM requirements, as applicable.

The City is seeking comments from agencies and other interested parties concerning the Draft EIR. If you have comments regarding the Draft EIR, please send your comments to Colleen Doan, Community Development Director, at the address shown at the end of this document. In your response, please provide your name or the name for a contact person within your agency/organization.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: May 10, 2024 to June 24, 2024

WHERE TO FIND THE DRAFT EIR: The Draft EIR is available on the City of Signal Hill Website: <https://cityofsignalhill.org/612/Current-Projects>.

Hard copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations:

City of Signal Hill Community Development Office, 2175 Cherry Ave, Signal Hill, CA 90755

Signal Hill Public Library, Reference Desk, 1800 East Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21081.7, 21083.9, and 21092.2, the City of Signal Hill is issuing this Notice of Availability to solicit comments on the Draft EIR from interested persons, organizations, and agencies. Agencies are requested to comment based on their legal authority and statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project.

The City will hold an in-person public hearing for the Draft EIR to receive comments. You are welcome to attend the meeting and provide comments on the Draft EIR. The public hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date: June 4, 2024

Time: 6-8pm

Place: Signal Hill City Hall, Council Chamber, 2175 Cherry Ave.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Signal Hill does not discriminate. The meeting facility and its parking are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aides and/or services may be provided upon request. Other services, such as translation between English and other languages, may also be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, by emailing Colleen Doan at cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located entirely within the City of Signal Hill, in Los Angeles County, California (Figure 1). SHP currently operates seven oil and gas drill sites located throughout the City of Signal Hill (City) under one consolidated Conditional Use Permit (CUP) (Record No. 97-03). The Project area includes the seven existing sites located throughout the City within the West, Central, and East units of the Long Beach Oil Field (Figure 2). The sites are located within developed urban areas, adjacent to lands designated for industrial, commercial, and residential uses.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: All 20 issue areas identified in the CEQA Checklist (Appendix G) were addressed in the Initial Study published with the Notice of Preparation for the Project. Based on the analysis in the Initial Study, the following issue areas were carried forward for analysis in the Draft EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities, Energy and Service Systems

The Draft EIR also evaluates the potential for cumulative and growth-inducing impacts. The Draft EIR includes a No Project Alternative, and two alternatives identified through the scoping process to reduce or avoid potentially significant impacts.

SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Please send your written/typed comments to the City by one of the following delivery methods. In your comments, please include your name, email address, telephone number, address, and an **RE: Signal Hill Petroleum CUP 97-03 Extension EIR** at the top of your comment.

Email: cdoan@cityofsignalhill.org

Post: Colleen Doan
Community Development Director
2175 Cherry Avenue
Signal Hill, California 90755

In accordance with CEQA Section 15082, this Notice of Availability is being circulated for a 45-day comment period; the City requests that written comments be provided at the earliest possible date, **but no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2024.**

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Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map



Figure 2. CUP Sites

