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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

To: County Clerk
County of Santa Barbara

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

22PPP-00000-00001	Hidden Canyon Test West Production Plan	23NGD-00004
Project Number	Project Title	EIR or ND Number

2023090412	County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development Department	(805) 568-2000
State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency	Area Code/Telephone

PROJECT APPLICANT: West Bay Exploration Company

PROJECT LOCATION: School House Canyon Road and is approximately 0.85-miles southwest of CA-SR 166, Santa Barbara County. APN: 147-020-045.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Applicant, West Bay Exploration, is requesting approval of an Oil & Gas Drilling Production Plan (Case No 22PPP-00000-00001) to grade one new well pad, approximately 0.996-acres in size (140' x 310'), and drill one new test well for oil and gas exploration. The Target Depth of the formation is approximately 11,000-feet below ground level. No permanent facilities are proposed besides the single wellhead following drilling operations. If the drilling program is successful, the applicant will return with a new Production Plan request for the production phase. If the drilling program is not successful, the well will be abandoned.

Well Drilling. Preparation and grading of the drill site will take approximately 5 days to complete. During site preparation activities the site will be graded, watered and compacted to establish a level and solid foundation for the drilling rig. Topsoil will be stabilized. Drilling of the Well will last up to 24 days. This will include mobilization and demobilization of the drill rig and installation of blowout prevention equipment, cementing, mud-logging, etc. required for the drilling phase. Non-hazardous waste (primarily drilling mud and cuttings) will be a product of this phase and it will be transported McKittrick.

Equipment required for completion of Phase 1 includes, a drilling rig (Ensign 540 or equivalent); CARB PERP-registered diesel-powered ICE (3x1350 bhp, 1x 100 bhp) and five generators less than 50 bhp each for the site offices. Grading includes 4,521-cubic-yards of cut and 5,482-cubic-yards of

fill to account for the 25% compaction factor for shrinkage over a 10% grade. Therefore 961-cubic-yards will be imported.

Abandonment. If the test phase is not successful, the well will be abandoned. No gas production is proposed as a part of the project. There are no permanent facilities proposed except for the single wellhead following successful drilling operations. All drilling, production and appurtenant equipment will be removed. One daily operator site visit will occur to ensure compliance with Code and well safety requirements. Abandonment of the well will comply with standards outlined in the Petroleum Code Section 25-31.


The site is accessed by School House Canyon Road and is approximately 0.85-miles southwest of CA-SR 166 on APN 147-020-045, which is approximately 6,565-acres and zoned Ag-II-100. The road will not need improvements. During operational hours, site access will be controlled by staff on location. During non-operational hours, site access will be prohibited by the existing gates. Water will be obtained from an onsite well. The project is located in the First Supervisorial District.

This is to advise that the County Planning Commission approved the above described project on January 31, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. The project [did did not] require discretionary approval from a state agency.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

- Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 123 East Anapamu St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Santa Barbara County Planning and Development: 624 Foster Road, Santa Maria, CA 93455
- Online:


Signature (Public Agency)

Planner
Title

February 1, 2024
Date