



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street - Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

FROM: Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
260 N. San Antonio Road, Suite A
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Project I.D.: Authority to Construct (ATC) No. 16162 and ATC 16165
Project Title: Jim Hopkins Lease and Bradley Lands/Bradley Consolidated Lease Burner Replacements and Equipment Validation
Project Applicant: Pacific Coast Energy Acquisitions, LLC.
Project Location: Jim Hopkins Lease and Bradley Lands/Bradley Consolidated Lease, Clark Avenue Source, Santa Maria Valley Field, Santa Maria

Project Description: The replacement of an uncertified 0.75 MMBtu/Hr Flameco model SB20-12 boiler burner with a 1.000 MMBtu/hr MFT Model IWFC4 Lo-NOx tank heater that will be certified upon start-up testing, the installation of one 0.500 MMBtu/hr tank heater and replacement of the existing burner in Heater Treater #1 with a 2.500 MMBtu/hr burner, the de-permitting of the existing 4.9 MMBtu/hr Heather Treater #1 and Heather Treater #2 burners, de-permitting of an existing 4.0 MMBtu/hr boiler, and the validation of an existing 1,500 bbl produced water tank and gas scrubber.

Exempt Status: (Check One)

CEQA Section(s):

- Ministerial (Section 21080 (b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (Cite Section: Section 15301 “Existing Facilities” and Section 15302 “Replacement or Reconstruction”)
- Statutory Exemption (Cite section: _____)

Other Basis for Exemption:

- General “Common Sense” Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)
- District CEQA Guidelines, Appendix A (“District List of Exempt Projects”)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project (which, for the purposes of analysis under CEQA, consists of the actions authorized by ATC 16162 and ATC 16165) is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301. *Existing Facilities* and Section 15302. *Replacement or Reconstruction* of the State CEQA Guidelines. The project corrects violations of District rules and regulatory requirements that were found in November 2022 and March 2023 during a routine inspection of equipment and operations at the Jim Hopkins and Bradley Lands oil and gas leases at the PCEA Clark Avenue Stationary Source (SSID 11515). Specifically, the project consists of the replacement of an uncertified 0.75 MMBtu/Hr Flameco model SB20-12 boiler burner with a 1.000 MMBtu/hr MFT Model IWFC4 Lo-NOx tank heater that will be certified upon start-up testing, the installation of one 0.500 MMBtu/hr tank heater and replacement of the existing burner in Heater Treater #1 with a 2.500 MMBtu/hr burner, the de-permitting of the existing 4.9 MMBtu/hr Heather Treater #1 and Heather Treater #2 burners, de-permitting of an existing 4.0 MMBtu/hr boiler, and the validation of an existing 1,500 bbl produced water tank and gas scrubber. The project is located at an existing oil field and there is no new development or ground disturbance as part of the project. The project results in negligible or no expansion of existing or former

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use of the subject equipment and the oil and gas facility. The replacement equipment will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing equipment.

The District reviewed the exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines and none of the exceptions apply to the project. The exception set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2(a). Location does not apply to Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions. The District considered the applicability of the Section 15300.2(b) exception, relating to cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place, and the District determined that, although there are similar PCEA permit actions that will occur at various leases throughout the Santa Maria Valley region (i.e. ATC 16161, 16162, 16163, 16164, 16165, 16174) the total potential to emit for all of the aforementioned permit actions would not result in criteria pollutant or greenhouse gas emission increases in excess of the District's Board-adopted CEQA thresholds; as such, there would be no significant cumulative impacts. Section 15300.2(c)'s exception does not apply because there are no "unusual circumstances" that apply to the project; the subject equipment and operations are typical for onshore oil and gas operations. Section 15300.2(d)'s exception does not apply because the project is not located near any scenic highways. Section 15300.2(e)'s exception does not apply because the project site is not on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Section 15300.2(f)'s exception does not apply because the project has no potential of causing a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, and the project will not involve grading or ground disturbance. Further information and supporting documentation can be found in the District's administrative permit files.

Date of Project Approval/Permit Issue Date: May 14, 2024

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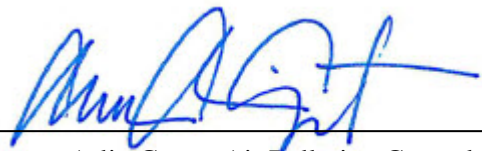
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