

State of California  
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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act  
 Notice of Exemption**

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**Project Title:** CREH 122023-001-Multi

**Project Applicant:** California Resources Elk Hills, LLC

**Project Location:** Kern, Any Field-Buena Vista (Nose) oil field; 09/32S/25E/MD;  
 35.16003418/-119.28776550

**Project Description:** The approved project consists of the maintenance of 12 existing oil and gas production wells. This includes running a scraper and bit to clean out the wells, selectively adding pay, and performing acid treatment. All work would take place on two existing wellpads. and would take approximately 7 to 10 days to complete. Wells pass through UIC project 00000024. Temporary equipment such as pumps and return bins may be needed. Various mobile temporary equipment will be used including, but not limited to, workover rig, etc., and vehicles to transport personnel and materials to/from the site. No production facilities and no new ground surface disturbance will be associated with the reworks.

CalGEM has approved permits for California Resources Elk Hills, LLC to rework the oil and gas wells listed below, in the Any Field-Buena Vista (Nose) oil field.

API #	Well Name
0403062171	363B-I-10H
0403062166	315-J-10H
0403062168	336-J-10H
0403063583	345-J-10H
0403063042	354-I-10H
0403063119	364-J-10H
0403064514	383-I-10H
0403063120	321-J-10H
0403062169	322-J-10H
0403064483	386-I-10H
0403063311	321-N-15H
0403063392	341-O-15H

**Exempt Status:** As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from full environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds

that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statutory Exemption:</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project ( <i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i> )	21169	15261 (b)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Categorical Exemption:</b>	21084		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 1:</b> Existing Facilities		15301	1684.1
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 2:</b> Replacement or Reconstruction		15302	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 3:</b> New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 4:</b> Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 7:</b> Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 8:</b> Protection of the Environment		15308	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 11:</b> Accessory Structures		15311	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 21:</b> Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 30:</b> Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Class 33:</b> Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exemption</b> ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Not a "Project" subject to CEQA</b>		15378 (b)(2)	
<p><b>CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2):</b> where project is located (e.g., sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.</p>				

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:** The basis for CalGEM’s determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

**Class 1 – Existing Facility:** The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the “Class 1” (14 CCR § 15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is a rework of 12 existing wells which the operator proposes to clean and selectively add pay in order to continue resource development. Class 1 applies to the “operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration” of existing facilities involving “negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing previously”. This rework is a maintenance of the wells that involves cleaning out the wells and performing acid treatment in order to improve the performance and condition of the wells. The wells will remain production wells with generally the same production capacity. The rework will not result in an expansion or deepening of the wellbore. A CalGEM engineer has confirmed that the proposed work is within the scope of the UIC project 00000024 and a

