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VIA EMAIL

City of La Habra Community & Economic Development Department
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Dear Ms. Kim:

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP)
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR)
WESTRIDGE HILLS PROJECT
SCH: NO. 2024101106**

The Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (Division) has reviewed the above-referenced project for impacts with Division jurisdictional authority. The Division supervises the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells in California. The Division offers the following comments for your consideration.

The project area is in Orange County and lies along the north flank of the abandoned Coyote West oil field. Division records indicate the presence of at least 20 plugged oil and gas wells on or near the subject property. The Division's Construction Site Well Review Program should be contacted to review the status of these wells. Division information can be found at: www.conservation.ca.gov. Individual well records are also available on the Division's web site, or by emailing CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov.

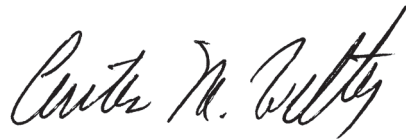
The scope and content of information that is germane to the Division's responsibility are contained in Section 3000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code, and administrative regulations under Title 14, Division 2, Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

If any wells, including any plugged, abandoned or unrecorded wells, are damaged or uncovered during excavation or grading, remedial plugging operations may be required. If such damage or discovery occurs, the Division's district office must be contacted to obtain information on the requirements and approval to perform remedial operations.

The possibility for future problems from oil and gas wells that have been plugged and abandoned, or reabandoned, to the Division's current specifications are remote. However, the Division recommends that a diligent effort be made to avoid building over any plugged and abandoned well.

Questions regarding the Division's Construction Site Well Review Program can be addressed to the local Division's office in Long Beach by emailing CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov or by calling (562) 637-4400.

Sincerely,



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