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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Standard Oil Company Belmont Offshore Field W 9741
Negative Declaration
Date Adopted: 11/21/1974

CalGEM Project Title: Per CEQA Program Naming Convention

Project Applicant: DCOR, LLC

Project Location: Belmont Offshore Oil Field; 22/05S/12W/SB. The wellbore is located on Platform Esther, ~2 miles offshore near Seal Beach, CA

County: Orange County

Project Description: The proposed permitting activity is to abandon one well located on an existing offshore platform (Platform Esther) located ~2 miles offshore near Seal Beach, California which contains other active wellbores and associated equipment for oil & gas production. The proposed activity will take approximately five days to complete. There will be no new seafloor disturbance associated with the permitting activity. Temporary equipment for the permitting activity will be relatively minimal as most of the needed equipment is already in place to service the existing wells. Additional temporary equipment will consist primarily of cement pumping equipment. No new permanent equipment or facilities will be constructed. All waste materials generated will be properly disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The project activity being permitted by the California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) is within the scope of the Standard Oil Company Belmont Offshore Field W 9741 Negative

Declaration (ND). The proposed permitting activity, the abandonment of one well, is addressed in part in the ND page 1, indicating that “[o]perations on the filled island will be essentially the same as those performed onshore”, as well as on page 2 of the ND, which states “[t]he project. CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permit(s) for DCOR, LLC to abandon the well listed below, in the Belmont Offshore Oil Field of Orange County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0425920940	State 3095 114	33.71924591	-118.11360931

CalGEM, as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, conducts an environmental review limited to those project impacts, which are required to be carried out or approved by CalGEM, or which will be subject to the exercise of powers by CalGEM (Pub. Resources Code, § 21002.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15096). This review includes considering the Lead Agency’s environmental document(s) and determining whether the proposed permitting activity(s) fall within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

CalGEM completed its review of the proposed permitting activity(s) and determined that CalGEM will rely on the Lead Agency’s environmental document(s), as it pertains to the proposed permitting activity(s).

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above permitting activity(s) on 04/04/2025.

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will
 - Have a significant effect on the environment
 - Not have a significant effect on the environment
2. **Environmental Document** prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 - Negative Declaration (ND)
3. **Mitigation Measures** were
 - Made a condition of approval of the project
 - Not made a condition of approval of the project
4. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan** (MMRP) was
 - Adopted for this project
 - Not adopted for this project
5. **Statement of Overriding Considerations** was
 - Adopted for this project
 - Not adopted for this project
6. **Findings** were
 - Made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)
 - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)

A copy of the Standard Oil Company Belmont Offshore Field W 9741 ND and associated documents prepared by the California State Lands Commission can be made available to the public by

contacting the California State Lands Commission, located at: 301 E. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 550, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 786-5608. A copy of this NOD may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>

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