

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: McKittrick Core Well Abandonment Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-KER-52734-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at eight core hole well (core well) sites within five ephemeral streams in an unincorporated area within the Temblor Range and Telephone Hills, located west of McKittrick Valley, approximately 10 to 16 miles northwest of the City of Taft, western Kern County; GPS coordinates (Latitude, Longitude) 35.303019, -119.638597; 35.312601, -119.667171; 35.318659, -119.671447; 35.312984, -119.657341; 35.303167, -119.638358; 35.267517, -119.593206; 35.303017, -119.639129; and 35.302970, -119.639028.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-52734-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production.

The Project includes activities required to plug and abandon eight idle core wells located in five ephemeral streams. Activities will include grubbing and grading the work areas, excavation of the wells, plugging the wells, backfill, and site restoration.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

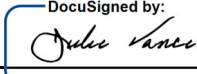
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Chevron Production North America Exploration and Production

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes alteration to close and abandon eight existing private structures, without any expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Stream Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-52374-R4.

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