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GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project EIR

CalGEM Project Title: 600083_Group_CRPC_PA

Project Applicant: California Resources Production Corporation (CRPC)

Project Location: Huntington Beach Oil Field. Five wells located outside Huntington Beach City limits in unincorporated Orange County.

County: Orange County

Project Description: The proposed permitted activity is the abandonment of 5 existing wells to current California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) standards.

The approved original project, the Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project, disclosed in the certified environmental document, consists of the restoration of wetlands and aquatic functions and assessment of contamination at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands and Bolsa Gap.

The document analyzes the total removal of oil extraction activities and discusses the proposed activity of plugging and abandoning oil wells (ES-3). Removal of oil wells is not part of the restoration but was included in the environmental document because oil well removal would occur during the same time period as the project construction.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified by the Lead Agency, the California State Lands Commission, for the Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project and SCH #2000071068. The EIR was certified on 1/31/2002.

The activity(s) being permitted by CalGEM is within the scope of Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project EIR.

CalGEM, as the CEQA Responsible Agency, approved permit(s) for CRPC to abandon the wells listed below.

WellSTAR Form ID #	Well Name	LAT	LONG
600083	North Bolsa 61-B	33.69540787	-118.03022766
637972	North Bolsa 32	33.69433975	-118.02502441
638811	North Bolsa 24-I	33.69435883	-118.02333069
638947	North Bolsa 103-A	33.70353699	-118.03844452
646140	North Bolsa 51-B	33.69372940	-118.02859497

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 permitted activity falls within the scope of the document and whether and how to approve the project involved.

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

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, approved the above permitted activity on 12/17/2024.

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)

An electronic copy of the final environmental document, including any Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, can be made available to the public by contacting the California State Lands Commission, located at 301 E Ocean Blvd, Suite 550, Long Beach, CA 90801 (<https://www.slc.ca.gov/bolsa-chica/>).

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12/17/2024