

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT OF 1970)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has approved the following described project in the County of Kern, State of California:
 - a. Applicant, or sponsoring agency or department: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department; Western State Petroleum Association (WSPA); California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) (PP13284);
 - b. Name of Project: Revisions to Title 19 – Kern County Zoning Ordinance Code – 2025(A), Focused on Oil and Gas Production – Local Permitting
 - c. Street Address/Cross-Street of Project: Countywide

Map of Project (if no street address): Attached
 - d. Description of Project:
 - (1) Revisions to Title 19 – Kern County Zoning Ordinance Code - 2025(A). Proposed text amendments to various Chapters of Title 19 (Kern County Zoning Ordinance) to reconsider implementation of a land use approval process for oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities. Proposed revisions include, but not limited to, site development standards and review process through the following:
 - (a) Establishing updated development, implementation standards, and conditions to address environmental impacts of pre-drilling exploration, well drilling, and the operation of wells and other oil and gas production related equipment and facilities, including exploration, production, completion, stimulation, reworking, injection, monitoring, and plugging and abandonment;
 - (b) Establishing new “Oil and Gas Conformity Review” and “Minor Activity Review” ministerial permit procedures for County approval of future well drilling and operations to ensure compliance with the updated development and implementation standards and conditions and provide for ongoing tracking and compliance monitoring;
 - (c) Establishing requirements for property owner signature on site plans with split estate ownership, in some instances; and
 - (d) Revising various Chapters within the Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with proposed requirements of Chapter 19.98. These Chapters include:
 - 19.08 - Interpretations and General Standards;
 - 19.12 - Exclusive Agriculture (A) District;
 - 19.14 - Limited Agriculture (A-1) District;
 - 19.26 - Mobilehome Park (MP) District;
 - 19.38 - Medium Industrial (M-2) District;
 - 19.40 - Heavy Industrial (M-3) District;
 - 19.44 - Open Space (OS) District;
 - 19.46 - Natural Resources (NR) District;
 - 19.48 - Drilling Island (DI) District;
 - 19.50 - Floodplain Primary District;

- 19.66 - Petroleum Extraction (PE) Combining District;
- 19.81 - Outdoor Lighting (Dark Skies Ordinance);
- 19.88 - Hillside Development;
- 19.102 - Permit Procedures; and
- 19.108 - Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots;

(2) Several sites within the Project Area are listed by CalEPA on the Cortese List, as identified in the Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (2020/2021) (<https://kernplanning.com/SREIR2020-oil-gas-zoning-revisions>) on 2.3 million acres located Countywide.

(3) Consider Final Second Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (2025) including: proposed Findings of Fact pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091; proposed Statements of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093; and, proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for recommendation to Kern County Board of Supervisors.

2. Approval – Summary of Proceedings:

Adoption date June 26, 2025, Item No. 1 10:00 a.m.

3. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has determined that the project in its approved form will have a significant effect on the environment.
4. A Second Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SSREIR) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) were prepared pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines and were received and considered by this Board and certified as required by Section 15090 the State CEQA Guidelines.
5. Mitigation measures and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program were made as conditions of approval of the project. Findings were made pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project, pursuant to Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
6. A copy of the SSREIR may be examined by any interested person during regular business hours at the following location: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 “M” Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or online at: <https://kernplanning.com/final-environmental-impact-report-revisions-kern-county-zoning-ordinance-2015-c-focused-oil-gas-local-permitting/>.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2021.

This Notice of Determination is filed on June 26, 2025

Lorelei H. Oviatt, AICP, Director
 Planning and Natural Resources Department
 County of Kern, State of California


 By: Keith Alvidrez, Planner II

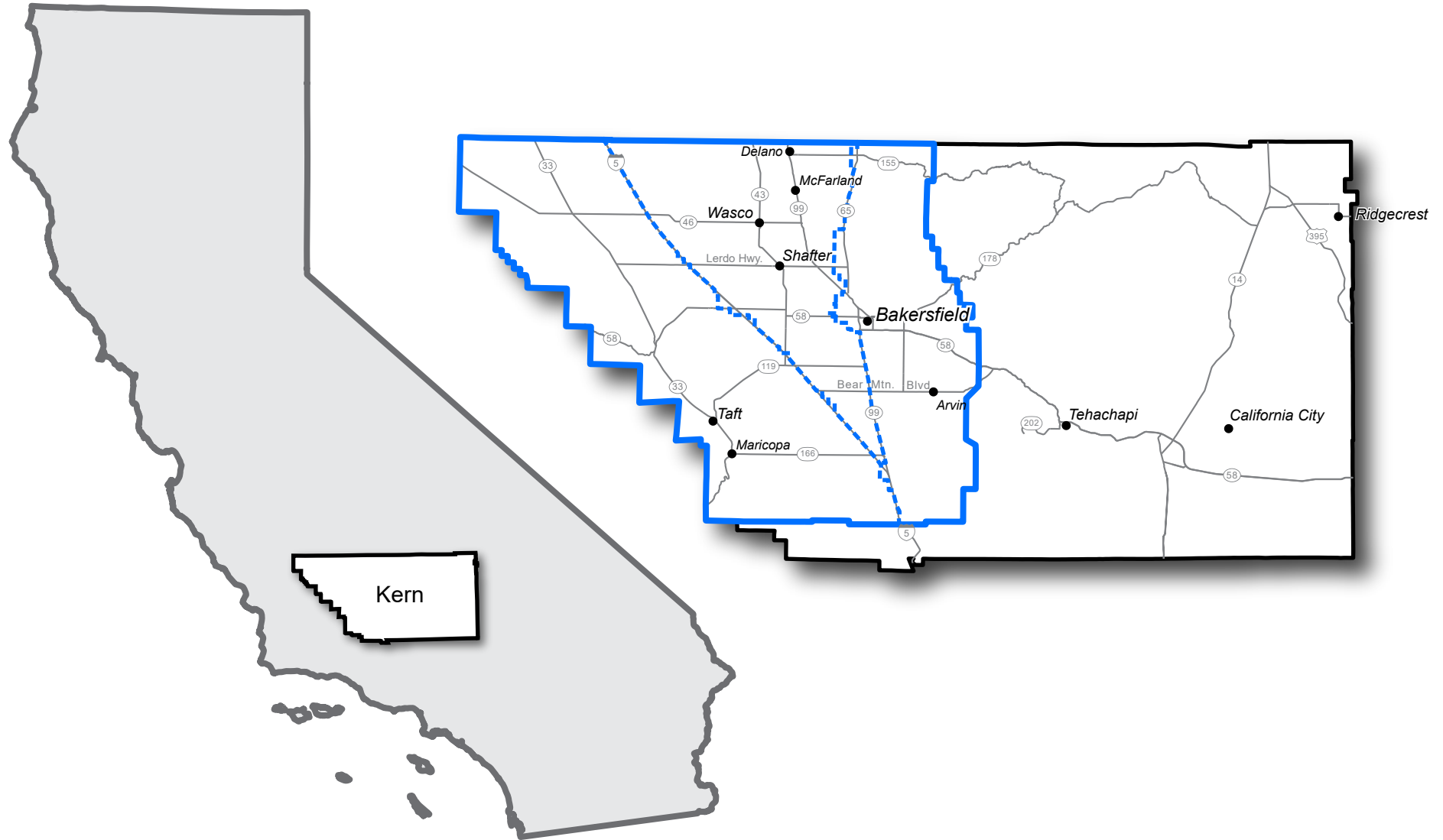
Telephone No. 862-8600

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Draft Second Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report
(March 2025) for Revisions to Title 19 - Kern County Zoning Ordinance 2025(A),
Focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting



Kern County
Planning and Natural
Resources Department



- Project Boundary
- Subarea
- County of Kern Boundary
- State of California Boundary
- Highways

Regional Location Map



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 15 — 03092021 — 15144946
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 3/9/2021
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 18736	

PROJECT TITLE
PP13280 REVISIONS TO ZONING ORDINANCE 2020 (A) - OIL & GAS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (661) 862-8600
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2700 M STREET	CITY BAKERSFIELD	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 93301
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PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity


CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	3,343.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,136.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 3,495.25

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE R. ROBERTS-MARTIN, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS
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