



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the lead state agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt the draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Westside Trend Exploration Well Project. In accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15072, this Notice is to inform responsible agencies and other interested parties of the availability of the draft ISMND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15105.)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Bidr, LLC applied to CalGEM for a permit to drill one new exploratory well approximately 1,500 feet south of the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and 1,500 feet east and 1,100 feet north of the Carneros Creek Oil Field in Kern County. The proposed project includes the drilling of the one exploratory well, the creation of a new well pad, and the installation of temporary storage facilities, located on approximately 2.1 acres of undisturbed private land, for a total disturbance of less than 2.1 acres.

**LOCATION:** The proposed project will be in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 43 miles west of Bakersfield and adjacent to the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and Carneros Creek Oil Field. The proposed well location will be in Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 20 East MDB&M on APN 085-170-09 (Lat: 35.465456628 Long: -119.836119926). The proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15072, subd. (g)(5).)

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The draft ISMND describes potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Public Services, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. Mitigation measures have been included to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. All other resource areas evaluated were found to have no impact or to be less than significant without mitigation.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The draft ISMND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days, beginning September 29, 2025, and ending October 29, 2025, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15105. No public meetings are planned for the proposed project. Written comments should be received by October 29, 2025. Written comments may be sent by mail to:



California Geologic Energy Management (CalGEM)  
Attn: Westside Trend Exploration Well Project  
715 P Street, MS 19-06  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may also be sent via email to [Christine.Roybal@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Christine.Roybal@conservation.ca.gov).

**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** The draft ISMND is now available for public review during normal business hours at CalGEM's Sacramento Office located at 715 P Street, MS 19-06, Sacramento, CA 95814. Additionally, the document is available for viewing on the following websites:

- <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>
- <http://www.kerncountyclerk.com>
- <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the ISMND, please contact Christine Roybal ([Christine.Roybal@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:Christine.Roybal@conservation.ca.gov)) and include "Attn: Westside Trend Exploration Well Project" in the subject line.

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