

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2025006 Chevron Kern River Wells Abandonment

Project Applicant: Chevron Americas Exploration and Production Company

Project Location: The wells are located along the north bank of the Kern River. Five Elwood wells are centered near Lat/Long 35.43235779, -118.95150757, and well KCL-39 220-9 is located on the south bank of the river, at Lat/Long 35.42353439, -118.97254944, all within Kern County.

Project Description: The scope of work for each well abandonment includes mobilizing a well rig to remove rods and tubing from the well, a Coil Tubing Unit to clean out the well to the bottom, bulk and pump trucks to fill the well from the bottom to the surface with either cement or zonite, excavating and cutting the casing five feet below the surface, tack-welding an identification plate on top of the casing stub, backfilling the excavation with the previously-displaced native soil, and restoring the locations to their original state with 95% compaction. The work is expected to take four weeks to complete.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

Person Carrying Out Project: Chevron Americas Exploration and Production Company; Elizabeth Owen, Project Manager, PO Box 1392, Bakersfield, CA 93302; elizabethowen@chevron.com; (661) 862-9488

Exempt Status:

- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Secs. 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

7/17/2025

Signature	Chris Lief, Executive Officer	Date
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- Signed by Public Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.