



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 agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Canoga Park Project (Canoga Park Orphan Well Project). In accordance with Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice is to inform responsible agencies and other interested parties of the availability of the IS/MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15105.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Canoga Park Orphan Well Project by the California Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) State Abandonment Program involves the State of California's plugging and abandoning (P&A) of six (6) orphan wells in the inactive CalGEM-designated Canoga Park Oil Field (private land, no longer an active oil field), within unincorporated Los Angeles County. A portion of the Project site (where access road improvements would occur) is located within the City of Los Angeles. P&A refers to the permanent closure and sealing of a well by placing cement and other approved materials in the former well. The Project will result in the permanent sealing of the six orphan wells in the Canoga Park Oil Field and removal of associated facilities. The permanent sealing rig and all associated equipment would be staged on the well pad or on the lease roads. A 0.25- to 0.5-acre area is needed to contain all P&A equipment within a pad; based on the overlapping buffer distances, approximately one acre of disturbance is required. Each well would take approximately one week to P&A.

LOCATION: The proposed project is in Canoga Park, California, approximately 300 feet from the nearest occupied structure in Canoga Park and within the Canoga Park Oil Field. The proposed project is located on private land and is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 [14 CCR § 15072(g)(5)].

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources. 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.



PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 35 days, beginning **August 12, 2025**, and ending on **September 15, 2025**, pursuant to Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15105. No public meetings are planned for the proposed project. Written comments should be submitted and received by **September 15, 2025**. Written comments should be sent to: California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), Attn: Canoga Park Orphan Well Project, 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814; or email comments to Robert.Schaaf@conservation.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft IS/MND is now available for public review at CalGEM 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814 during normal business hours. Additionally, the document is available for viewing on the following websites:

- CalGEM at <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/State-Abandonments.aspx> and
- Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at <https://applications.lavote.gov/ceqa-search/>

Per CEQA Guidelines, CEQA Notices and Documents are submitted to the SCH and are available for inspection on CEQAnet at the following link: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/>.

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the Draft IS/MND, please contact Robert Schaaf Robert.Schaaf@conservation.ca.gov and cc CalGEMSouthern@conservation.ca.gov using Attn: Canoga Park Orphan Well Project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Schaaf".

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