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Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency Project Title: Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Canoga Park
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

Date Adopted: October 9, 2025

Project Applicant: CalGEM State Abandonment Program

Project Location: Canoga Park Oil Field; Section 04, Township 01N, Range 17W, SB

County: Los Angeles County

Project Description: The Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Canoga Park 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.

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The project activities being permitted by CalGEM are within the scope of the Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Canoga Park IS/MND.

CalGEM approved permits to abandon the wells listed below, in the Canoga Park Oil Field of Los Angeles County.

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0403701160	Knapp 4-1	34.19468	-118.66425
0403701161	Knapp 1	34.19486	-118.66435
0403701162	Knapp 1-A	34.1949272	-118.664444
0403701166	Knapp 6	34.1947136	-118.665207
0403700494	Knapp 3	34.19492	-118.66446
0403701167	Lucky Star 1	34.19455	-118.66399

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA, approved the above project activities on October 9, 2025. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, CalGEM prepared an environmental document for the project, and made the following determinations:

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)

A copy of the IS/MND for the Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Canoga Park Project prepared by CalGEM, the MMRP, and all other related documents can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM State Abandonment Program at 715 P Street, MS 1803, Sacramento, CA 95814. The notice filed with the State Clearinghouse may be accessed online at: https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov.

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