

State of California
Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation
GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption**

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Project Title: 725480_CREH_OG

Project Applicant: California Resources Elk Hills, LLC

Project Location: Kern, Elk Hills; Section 06/T. 31S/R.24E/B&M:MD; LAT: 35.25519562,
LONG: -119.43608093.

Project Description: CREH proposes to rework one existing oil and gas well located in the Elk Hills Oilfield. The well is located on private lands with private minerals. The rework consists of adding perforations. The proposed rework falls under Group B of CalGEM's rework exemptions guidance document published in December 2023. The proposed rework will take approximately 5-6 days to complete. Temporary equipment such as pumps and return bins may be needed. Various mobile temporary equipment will be used including, but not limited to, workover rig, etc., and vehicles to transport personnel and materials to/from the site. No production facilities and no new ground surface disturbance will be associated with the reworks. Any waste materials will be properly disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The proposed project consists of the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) approving a permit for California Resources Elk Hills, LLC to rework the well listed below, in the Elk Hills Oil Field, to address well integrity issues.

| API # | Well Name |
|------------|-----------|
| 0403018693 | 68NW-6G |

Exempt Status: As the Lead Agency, CalGEM has determined that the proposed project is exempt from full environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. CalGEM further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the application of the exemptions apply (14 CCR § 15300.2).

| Exemption Type | | Statute (PRC) | Regulation (14 CCR) | |
|--|---|---------------|---------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ongoing Project (<i>pre-CEQA approval on April 5, 1973</i>) | 21169 | 15261 (b) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial | 21080 (b)(1) | 15268 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency | 21080 (b)(3) | 15269 (a) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Projects | 21080 (b)(4) | 15269 (b) or (c) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption: | 21084 | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 1: Existing Facilities | | 15301 | 1684.1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction | | 15302 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures | | 15303 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land | | 15304 | 1684.2 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources | | 15307 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Class 8: Protection of the Environment | | 15308 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 11: Accessory Structures | | 15311 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit | | 15321 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material) | | 15330 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects | | 15333 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Exemption ("common sense") | | 15061 (b)(3) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Not a "Project" subject to CEQA | | 15378 (b)(2) | |
| CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR § 15300.2): where project is located (e.g., sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources. | | | | |

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The basis for CalGEM's determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

Class 1, Existing Facilities (14 CCR §§ 15301, 1684.1): The "Class 1" (14 CCR § 15301) exemption is applicable per the CEQA Guidelines and CalGEM's regulations (14 CCR § 1684.1) because the proposed work consists of repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of an existing previously permitted well involving no expansion of former use. The Class includes, but is not limited to: remedial, maintenance, conversion, and abandonment work on oil, gas, injection, and geothermal wells. The well would maintain its existing well type and the use of the well would remain the same as before.

Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (14 CCR § 15302): Class 2 applies because it consists of "replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced[.]" Examples of

