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SCH #

Project Title: Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

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City: Sacramento Zip: 95814 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Bakersfield; Unincorporated areas
Cross Streets: E. Fairview Rd. and SR 184; various Zip Code: 93307; various

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 18 ' 13.8 " N / 118 ° 54 ' 17.9 " W Total Acres: approximately 4.2

Assessor's Parcel No.: 069-161-15, 099-290-07, 178-050-16, 178-202-05, 178-410-10, 332-260-01, 332-280 Section: 3, 19, 20, 27, 28 Twp.: 27S, 29S, 30S Range: 22E, 27E, 29E Base: MD

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 46, SR 58, SR 99, SR 178, SR 184 Waterways: Kern River, Eastside Canal, Goose Lake Canal
Airports: N/A Railways: San Joaquin Valley RR, Union Pacific RR Schools: Discovery Elementary, Columbia Elementary, Fruitvale J.

Document Type:

- CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) Other: Mit Neg Dec
- NEPA: NOI EA Draft EIS FONSI
- Other: Joint Document Final Document Other:

Local Action Type:

- General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
- General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
- General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
- Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Grading Permit

Development Type:

- Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
- Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
- Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
- Industrial: Sq.ft. 180,000 Acres 4.2 Employees 36
- Educational: _____
- Recreational: _____
- Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
- Transportation: Type _____
- Mining: Mineral _____
- Power: Type _____ MW _____
- Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
- Hazardous Waste: Type _____
- Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
- Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
- Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
- Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
- Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
- Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
- Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
- Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Heavy Industrial, Precise Development Combining (M-3 PD); General Manufacturing (M-2); Exclusive Agriculture (A); Estate (E); Mobile Home (MH), Petroleum Extraction (PE)

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Permanent Sealing of Orphan Wells in Kern County Project by the California Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) State Abandonment Program involves the State of California's plugging and abandoning (permanent sealing) of 18 orphan wells, removal of tanks, aboveground pipelines, debris, and other Project-related facilities and equipment in Kern County, California. One well is not within an oil field, while the rest are in the Fruitvale (12), Mountain View (3), Edison (1), and Semitropic (1) Oil Fields. For well permanent sealing, each well would be cleaned out and then plugged with cement and inert mud to the ground surface. Then, the well casing would be cut down to approximately five to ten feet below ground level, and the site would be backfilled with soil up to ground level. All activities would utilize existing roads and previously disturbed areas to the maximum extent feasible. Due to the locations of the well sites, the access and staging of equipment could have the potential for ground disturbance. Therefore, CalGEM is preparing this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines. A site stabilization and/or lease restoration plan is proposed to ensure that that area is returned to natural conditions.

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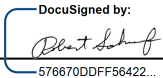
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date September 18, 2025 Ending Date October 17, 2025

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