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SCH #

Project Title: Tethy's Exploration Well Project, West Bay Exploration Company

Lead Agency: California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division Contact Person: Christine Roybal

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City: Sacramento Zip: 95814 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Kern County City/Nearest Community: Spicer City

Cross Streets: West Lerdo Hwy/Hwy 33 Zip Code: 93309

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 30 ′ 12.6 ″ N / 119 ° 50 ′ 10.2 ″ W Total Acres: 1.45

Assessor's Parcel No.: 085-120-20 Section: 8 Twp.: 28 South Range: 20 East Base: MDB&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: n/a Waterways: n/a

Airports: n/a Railways: n/a Schools: n/a

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
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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:

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units Acres
☐ Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Mining: Mineral
☒ Industrial: Sq.ft. 63,162 Acres 1.45 Employees 36 ☐ Power: Type MW
☐ Educational: ☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD
☐ Recreational: ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☐ Water Facilities: Type MGD ☐ 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:

Exclusive Agriculture

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

West Bay Exploration Company applied to CalGEM for a permit to drill one new exploratory well approximately 1,700 feet southeast of the Antelope Hills Oil Field administrative boundary and approximately 4,100 feet east of the McDonald Anticline Oil Field administrative boundary in Kern County, California. The proposed project includes the drilling of the one exploratory well, the creation of a new well pad, and the installation of temporary storage facilities, located on approximately 1.45 acres of undisturbed private land, for a total disturbance of less than 1.45 acres. The proposed project will be in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 43 miles west of Bakersfield and adjacent to the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and Antelope Hills Oil Field. The proposed well location will be in Section 8, Township 28 South, Range 20 East MDB&M on APN 085-120-20 (Lat: 35.503500 Long: -119.836180). The proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15072, subd. (g)(5).)

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	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
	Caltrans District #		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 5
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of		SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
X	Fish & Game Region # 4		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of	X	Other: Kern County Public Works Department
	Housing & Community Development	X	Other: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date November 12, 2025 Ending Date December 11, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____
Address: _____
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Christine Roybal Digitally signed by Christine Roybal Date: 2025.11.10 11:33:38 -08'00' **Date:** 11/10/2025

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