



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 state agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt the draft Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Permits to Drill – CREH Buena Vista Hills 4 and 6 Development 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 ISMND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project. [Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15105].

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Permits to Drill – CREH Buena Vista Hills 4 and 6 Development Project by California Resources Elk Hills, LLC involves the development of associated oil well infrastructure, such as well pads, sumps, production pipelines, and electrical power lines, necessary to construct and produce six new wells on the proposed sites within the Buena Vista Hills on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), for a total disturbance equal to approximately 4.32 acres.

LOCATION: The proposed project is in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately one mile northwest of Taft, and within the Buena Vista Oil Field (Sections 6 and 8, Township 32 South, Range 24 East). The proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5 [Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15072(g)(5)].

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The MND describes potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, 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 ISMND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of thirty (30) days, beginning Tuesday, January 6, 2026, and ending on Friday, February 6, 2026, pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15105.

No public meetings are planned for the proposed project. Written comments should be submitted and received on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Written comments should be sent to:

California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)

Attn: Permits to Drill – CREH Buena Vista Hills 4 and 6 Development Project Public Comment

715 P Street, MS 18-03

Sacramento, CA 95814; or

email comments to CEQA@conservation.ca.gov.



AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The draft ISMND is now available for public review at CalGEM Headquarters located at 715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814 during normal business hours. Additionally, the document is available for viewing on the department website:

- CalGEM at <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>

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.opr.ca.gov/>.

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the draft ISMND, please contact Chris Bacon at Chris.Bacon@conservation.ca.gov and cc CEQA@conservation.ca.gov using "Attn: Permit to Drill – CREH Buena Vista Hills 4 and 6 Development Project" in the subject line.

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