



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

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: 2026010085

Project Title: Permits to Drill – CREH Buena Vista Hills 4 and 6 Development Project
 Date Adopted: 3/27/26

Project Location: Cymric Oil Field; Sections 6 and 8/Township 32 South/Range 24 East/MDBM

County: Kern

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.

The project activities being permitted by CalGEM are within the scope of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. CalGEM approved the permit for California Resources Elk Hills, LLC to drill six new wells listed below:

List of Wells

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0403070117	603H-1-6D	35.168394	-119.433945
0403070118	658UH-36-6D	35.168902	-119.433784
0403070119	674UH-6-8D	35.163752	-119.413339
0403070120	675H-6-8D	35.163701	-119.412136
0403070121	616-12D	35.155405	-119.357312

API #	Well Name	Latitude	Longitude
0403070122	4-5H-6D	35.173446	-119.445226

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above-described Project on **March 27, 2026**. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, an environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, and has 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)
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in place of EIR
 - Finding of No Significance (FONSI), in place of ND/MND
 - Joint Environmental Document:
 - EIS/EIR
 - FONSI/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)

California's Senate Bill 1137 (SB 1137): CalGEM has reviewed the operator's statement and all other relevant information and whether each feature identified is a sensitive receptor. CalGEM verified that the subject location of the NOIs is not within a Health Protection Zone (HPZ).

California's Senate Bill 237 (SB 237): CalGEM has reviewed the operator's statement and all other relevant information and whether the project would be eligible for Kern County's oil and gas streamlined permitting process. CalGEM verified the project location and determined that SB 237 is not applicable. CalGEM's analysis found that the project is within

BLM's surface and mineral ownership, which falls outside of the scope of Kern County's Second Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SSREIR).

Availability of Environmental Documents: The final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program are available for public review by appointment only at the following location during normal business hours: CalGEM Headquarters, 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-3530. Per the CEQA Guidelines, CEQA Notices and Documents are submitted to the State Clearinghouse and are available for inspection on CEQAnet at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

An electronic copy is also posted on the CalGEM website at:
<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>

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