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SCH #: 2026010906

Project Title: San Ardo 2024 Wells Project, Aera Energy, LLC

Lead Agency: California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division

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Project Location: Near San Ardo Monterey County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Aera Energy, LLC applied to CalGEM for permits to drill six new cyclic steam injection wells and two new steamflood injection wells within the San Ardo Oil Field in Monterey County, California. The proposed project includes the drilling of 6 new cyclic steam injection wells and 2 new steamflood injection wells, some potential grading on existing well pads, and the installation of new pumping units and flowlines, located on approximately 2.9 acres of private land, there will be no new ground disturbance as a result of project implementation.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project will have potentially significant impacts to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mandatory Findings of Significance, Public Services, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The project proposes the following mitigation measures:

Biological Resources: MM-BIO-1 Pre-Disturbance Survey; MM-BIO-2 Monitoring; MM-BIO-3 Bird Nest Buffers; MM-BIO-4 WEAP; MM-BIO-5 San Joaquin Kit Fox; MM-BIO-6 Burrowing Owl; MM-BIO-7 American Badger; MM-BIO-8 Reptiles; MM-BIO-9 Best Management Practices

Cultural Resources: MM-CUL-1/TCR-1 Discovery of Previously Unknown Cultural or Tribal Cultural Resources; MM-CUL-2/TCR-2 Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources Monitoring; MM-CUL-3/TCR-3 Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains

Energy: MM-EN-1 Energy Conservation

Hazards and Hazardous Materials: MM-HAZ-1 WEAP BMP Training; MM-HAZ-2 Fire Prevention; MM-HAZ-3 Hot Work Equipment

Hydrology and Water Quality: MM-HYDRO-1 Stormwater BMPs

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Public comments noted deficiencies with the description of the proposed project, the environmental analyses for Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gases, and Hydrology and Water Quality, as well as the Mandatory Findings of Significance. Deficiencies were also noted concerning MM-BIO-1, MM-BIO-6, and MM-BIO-11 (previously MM-BIO-9).

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board
California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Region 7
Native American Heritage Commission, California
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3