

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2025146 – Oil Well Abandonment Project

Project Applicant: Chevron Americas Exploration and Production Company, Griselda Carillo, Permitting Technologist; PO Box 1392, Bakersfield, CA 93302; griseldacarrillo@chevron.com; (530)544-5739

Project Location: Two of the oil wells are along the left bank of the Kern River and one is along the right bank. The approximate coordinates for the three wells are: (1) 35.424092°N, 118.961860°W; (2) 35.423932°N, 118.963063°W; and (3) 35.424421°N, 118.975176°W, all within Kern County.

Project Description: The scope of work for each well abandonment includes: (1) mobilizing a rig to remove rods and tubing from the well, (2) mobilizing a Coil Tubing Unit to clean out the well to the bottom, (3) mobilizing bulk and pump trucks to fill the well from the bottom to the surface with either cement or zonite, (4) excavating and cutting the casing five feet below the surface, (5) tack-welding an identification plate on top of the casing stub, (6) backfilling the excavation with the previously-displaced native soil, and (7) restoring the locations to their original state with 95% compaction. The work is expected to take four weeks to complete.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

Person Carrying Out Project: Chevron Americas Exploration and Production Company, Griselda Carillo, Permitting Technologist; PO Box 1392, Bakersfield, CA 93302; griseldacarrillo@chevron.com; (530) 544-5739

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301
- Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief

2/25/2026

Signature

Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Public Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.