## State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, and GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

## **California Environmental Quality Act** Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning & Research

From: Department of Conservation

State Clearinghouse

Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources

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State Clearinghouse #:

SCH# 2013081079

Lead Agency Project Title: Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil

and Gas Local Permitting

**Project Activity Title:** 

OG CREH 375X-2B

**Permit Applicant:** 

California Resources Elk Hills, LLC

**Project Location:** 

Elk Hills

County:

Kern

Section: 2

Township:

318

Range/Baseline: 23E

/MD B&M

Latitude/Longitude:

35.26087407/-119.46918689

## **Project Description:**

The originally approved project consists of an amendment to Title 19 Kern County Zoning Ordinance (July 2012), with focus on Chapter 19.98 (Oil and Gas Production), to include new site development standards for all oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities in unincorporated Kern County. The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, as the CEQA responsible agency, will be issuing a permit for the proposed project activity, which consists of the following:

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources has approved a permit for California Resources Elk Hills, LLC to drill the oil and gas well listed below, in the Elk Hills oilfield of Kern County.

Well name

API No.

375X-2B

0403065773

Details on well locations are online at: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division), as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 3/19/2019

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified by the Lead Agency, Kern County Planning and Community Development Department, for the project "Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting" (SCH# 2013081079). The EIR for the project was approved on November 9, 2015 and became effective on December 9, 2015. During the review and approval process for this project activity, DOGGR considered the environmental impacts of the project, as shown in the EIR prepared by the Lead Agency, and accepts the following determinations made by the Lead Agency:

| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul> <li>☐ Have a significant effect on the environment</li> <li>☐ Not have a significant effect on the environment</li> </ul>                                                                                                              |
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| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul> <li>Environmental Document prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:</li> <li>☑ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)</li> <li>☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)</li> <li>☐ Negative Declaration (ND)</li> </ul> |
| 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 (14 CCR 15091)  ☐ Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)                                                                   |
| A copy of the EIR prepared by Kern County Planning and Community Development Department for the project "Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2015 (C), Focus on Oil and Gas Local Permitting" (SCH# 2013081079), including the Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the Planning and Community Development Department, located at: 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: <a href="http://pcd.kerndsa.com/oil-gas-zoning-amendment">http://pcd.kerndsa.com/oil-gas-zoning-amendment</a> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| For any <b>additional environmental impacts</b> identified by the Division that are beyond those already identified by the Lead Agency, the Division has prepared additional documents as part of its Responsible Agency review and approval process for this project activity, as follows:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| A copy of these documents may be examined online at: <a href="http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA">http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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