

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

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California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning & Research
State Clearinghouse
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From: Department of Conservation
Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources
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State Clearinghouse #:

Project Title: OG Royale 0406720539
Project Applicant: Royale Energy, Inc.
Project Location: Rio Vista Gas Field

County: Sacramento Section: 04

Township: 03N Range/Baseline: 03E / MD B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 38.13534000/ -121.64295000

Project Description:

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) issued Permit No. 7006557 (API No. 0406720539, Well No. CRC-RGVU 4-1) to Royale Energy, Inc. The project includes installing a new well on an existing well pad. The existing drilling pad will be expanded by approximately 0.98 acre (42,625 square feet) and is located on existing agricultural land. Water will be hauled in by truck for drilling. No hazardous materials to be used in the drilling mud system. All cuttings to be stored in bins and hauled to a licensed waste disposal facility. Liquid waste to be re-used as needed in the mud system. Excess mud will be hauled to a non-hazardous waste disposal facility.

If the well is unsuccessful, it will be plugged with cement following Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) requirements. The temporary cellar will be removed and the site cleaned up and returned to original size.

If the well is successful, it will be completed and connected to an existing pipeline.

Details on well locations can be found on the Division's website at:
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

Exempt Status:

As the Lead Agency, the Division has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. The Division further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).

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Exceptions to Exemptions: The Division further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and that there is no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at the Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources/CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA>

Certified:

Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources
CEQA Unit

Date:

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