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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Sean Geivet
20712 Avenue 120
Porterville, CA 93257

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: Deer Creek - Friant Kern Canal Water Bank Project
SCH#: 2019089034

Dear Mr. Geivet:

The Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) regulates oil and gas production facilities in addition to supervising the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells in California. All oil and gas well operations are subject to the Division's well permitting process, and all oil and gas operations must abide by any pertinent Division statute or regulation. The Division has received and reviewed the above referenced Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and submits the following evaluation.

The project is located in Tulare County, outside of any of the Division's oil field administrative boundaries. Division records indicate there is **one** known abandoned oil and gas well located within the proposed development boundaries. Please see the enclosed Well Review Report for additional information about this well.

The well may have had a mud pit/drilling sump associated with drilling operations. The Division recommends soil testing and remediation of any contamination found. Please see comment 8 in the enclosed Well Review Report.

According to Section 3208.1 (a) of the Public Resources Code (PRC), the supervisor or district deputy may order the reabandonment of any previously abandoned well if the supervisor or district deputy has reason to question the integrity of the previous abandonment. Depending on circumstances described in PRC 3208.1 (b) (1), (2), (3), and PRC 3208.1 (c), the landowner, developer, or project owner could be responsible for reabandonment operations.

The developer/project owner is required to consult with the Division prior to the commencement of any work to uncover a known abandoned well.

If during project operations, any unrecorded wells are encountered the project developer or property owner shall immediately notify the Division's Inland District office for consultation. Remedial plugging and abandonment operations may be required

Should you have any questions, please contact Victor Medrano at (661) 326-6016 or via e-mail at Victor.Medrano@conservation.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rohit Sharma', with a large, stylized initial 'R' and a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Rohit Sharma
Senior Oil and Gas Engineer for

Cameron D. Campbell
District Deputy, Inland District