State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division 801 K Street, MS 18-05 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Lead Agency: Kern County, 2700 M Steet, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Lorelei Oviatt

State Clearinghouse #: 1996121013

Lead Agency Project Title: 1997 DOE/SEIS/PEIR-0158S

Project Activity Title OG California Resources 092022-203

Permit Applicant: California Resources Elk Hills, LLC

Project Location: Elk Hills Oil Field

County: Kern Section: 01

Township: 31S Range/Baseline: 23E/ MD B&M

Latitude/Longitude 35.255429, -119.449734

Project Description:

The approved project consists of: drilling one (1) new well in the Elk Hills oil field specifically within the Shallow Oil Zone (SOZ). All project activities are covered by the Elk Hills Oilfield Incidental Take Permit (ITP 2081-2014-019-04) and are subject to all pre-activity survey requirements, project monitoring, disturbance compensation and compliance reporting conditions within that permit. The project consists of a 1997 SEIS/PEIR which allows exploratory and development drilling in the Elk Hills Oil Field.

CalGEM has approved a permit for California Resources Elk Hills, LLC to install the oil and gas well listed below, in the outside of Elk Hills oilfield.

API# Well Name

0403069646 87WH-1B

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

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 11/2/22.

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, as follows:

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Date Certified or Adopted: 12/15/97

- Environmental Impacts from the project will
 ⊠ Have a significant effect on the environment

 <u>Not</u> have a significant effect on the environment
- Environmental Document prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA: ⊠Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 ⊡Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 □Negative Declaration (ND)

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

 \Box Not adopted for this project

6. Findings were

 \boxtimes Made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091) \square Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of the environmental document prepared by the Lead Agency for this project, including any Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at N/A, located at N/A, or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: N/A

For any additional environmental impacts identified by CalGEM that are beyond those already identified by the Lead Agency, CalGEM has prepared additional documents as part of its responsible Agency review and approval process for this project activity, as follows:

⊠No Additional Impacts □MMRP □ Findings □Statement of Override

A copy of these documents may be examined online at the State Clearinghouse: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/

Certified: Tharon Wright Geologic Energy Management Division Date: 11/2/2022