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Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

**California Environmental Quality Act**

Notice of Determination

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| **To:** | Office of Planning & Research  | **From:** | Department of Conservation |
|  | State Clearinghouse |  | Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources  |
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| **Lead Agency:**  | Kern County Planning & Community Development Department2700 M Street, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370 |
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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:** | UIC Macpherson Oil 62809023 |
| **Project Applicant:** | Macpherson Oil Company |
| **Project Location:** | Coffee Canyon |
| *County:* | Kern |  | *Section:* | 1, 6, & 7 |
| *Township:* | 28S |  | *Range/Baseline:* | 28 & 29E /MD B&M |
| *Latitude/Longitude:* |  |
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| **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: Macpherson Oil Company (Macpherson) is applying for expansion of their PAL#62806004 to expand the Coffee Canyon area of the Round Mountain Oilfield. The primary purpose of this project is to improve the production at the Macpherson leases in the Pyramid Hill member of the Freeman-Jewett Formation of the Coffee Canyon area through waterflood injection and production. |

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 activityon .

**Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, a**n Environmental Impact Report (EIR) wasprepared 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 EIRprepared by the Lead Agency, and accepts the following determinations made by the Lead Agency:

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will

[x]  Have a significant effect on the environment

[ ]  Not have a significant effect on the environment

1. **Environmental Document** prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:

[x]  Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

[ ]  Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

[ ]  Negative Declaration (ND)

1. **Mitigation Measures** were

[x]  Made a condition of approval of the project.

[ ]  Not made a condition of approval of the project.

1. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan** (MMRP) was

[x]  Adopted for this project

[ ]  Not adopted for this project

1. **Statement of Overriding Considerations** was

[x]  Adopted for this project

[ ]  Not adopted for this project

1. **Findings** were

[x]  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: <http://pcd.kerndsa.com/oil-gas-zoning-amendment>

For any **additional environmental impacts** 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:

[x]  **No Additional Impacts** [ ]  **MMRP** [ ]  **Findings** [ ]  **Statement of Override**

A copy of these documents may be examined online at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA>

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| **Certified:** |  | **Date:** | 9/16/2019 |
|  | Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources CEQA Unit |  |  |