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

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

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Lea	d Agency:		ty Planning & Community Development Department eet, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370 3600					
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 357A-35R					
Permit Applicant:			California Resources Elk Hills, LLC					
Project Location:			Elk Hills					
			County:	I	Kern	Section: 35		
			Township:	3	30S	Range/Baseline: 23E	/MD B&M	
			Latitude/Longitude:	3	35.267997/-119.472252			

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 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 357A-35R API No. 0403066874

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 9/23/2019

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:

- Environmental Impacts from the project will
 ☑ Have a significant effect on the environment
 □ Not have a significant effect on the environment
- 2. Environmental Document prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 ☑ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 ☑ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 ☑ Negative Declaration (ND)
- 3. Mitigation Measures were

 \square Made a condition of approval of the project. \square 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

 \square 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 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: <u>http://pcd.kerndsa.com/oil-gas-zoning-amendment</u>

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:

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

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

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Date: 9/23/2019

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