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 GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act
 Notice of Determination**

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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: OG, Aera, 12 Wells, 03/20/2020

Permit Applicant: Aera Energy, LLC

Project Location: North Belridge

County: Kern Section: 1
 Township: 28S Range/Baseline: 20E/MD /MD B&M
 Latitude/Longitude: 35.515987/-119.767649

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 Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the CEQA responsible agency, will be issuing a permit for the proposed project activity, which consists of the following:

The Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) has approved permits for Aera Energy, LLC to drill the oil and gas wells listed below, in the North Belridge oilfield of Kern County.

API #	Well Name	API #	Well Name
0403067783	5013C-1	0403067800	5033C-1
0403067793	5012F-1	0403067801	5003F-1
0403067794	5003G-1	0403067806	5034A-1
0403067795	5004D-1	0403067805	9023-1
0403067796	543C1-1	0403067807	5053A-1
0403067799	9074-1	0403067804	5044A-1

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 CalGEM, as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 03/19/2020

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, CalGEM 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:

- 1. **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
 - 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
 - Not adopted for this project
- 6. **Findings** were
 - 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 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/>; and/or at the Division's website at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>

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