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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The **Kern County Planning Commission** will hold a hearing on **Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** (or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter may be heard) to consider the request listed below. Anyone wishing to give pertinent testimony may appear and be heard. Location of the hearing is:

Chambers of the Board of Supervisors

First Floor - Kern County Administrative Center

1115 Truxtun Avenue (corner of Truxtun and "N"), Bakersfield, California

Free parking is available in the parking structure located south of the Administrative Center. If parking fees are being charged for an event, inform the parking attendant you are attending the Planning Commission hearing, and you will not be charged.

Due to COVID-19 and subsequent local emergency declarations by the Kern County Board of Supervisors, Staff is evaluating the possibility of facilitating an alternative form of public participation during this hearing. For updates regarding how public participation will be conducted during this hearing, please contact the project planner listed on this notice and continue to review the Kern County Planning Commission Agenda which will be released for public review the week prior to the scheduled hearing.

On Friday February 5, 2021, a copy of the agenda will be posted on the Kern County Planning Department website at the following location: <https://kernplanning.com/hearings/planning-commission/>

Applicant: Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department; Western State Petroleum Association (WSPA); California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA);

Location: Countywide; Supervisorial District All Districts - All Supervisors

Proposal: (1) Revisions to the Kern County Zoning Ordinance – 2020(A). Proposed text amendments to various Chapters of Title 19 (Kern County Zoning Ordinance) to reconsider implementation of a land use approval process for oil and gas exploration, extraction, operations, and production activities. Proposed revisions include, but not limited, site development standards and review process through the following:

- (a) Removing the “Unrestricted Drilling” Section in Chapter 19.98 and amending the “Drilling by Ministerial Permit” and “Drilling by Conditional Use Permit” Sections
- (b) Establishing “Tier Area” maps to identify scope of existing and future oil and gas activities and type of permit required;
- (c) Establishing an Oil and Gas Conformity Review and Minor Activity Review, as part of the “Drilling by Ministerial Permit” Section, to ensure compliance with proposed Implementation Standards and Conditions;
- (d) Establishing Implementation Standards and Conditions Section;
- (e) Establishing requirements for property owner signature on site plans with split estate ownership, in some instances; and
- (f) Revising various Chapters within the Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with proposed requirements of Chapter 19.98. These Chapters include:

- 19.08 - Interpretations and General Standards;
- 19.12 - Exclusive Agriculture (A) District;
- 19.14 - Limited Agriculture (A-1) District;
- 19.26 - Mobilehome Park (MP) District;
- 19.38 - Medium Industrial (M-2) District;
- 19.40 - Heavy Industrial (M-3) District;
- 19.44 - Open Space (OS) District;
- 19.46 - Natural Resources (NR) District;
- 19.48 - Drilling Island (DI) District;
- 19.50 - Floodplain Primary District;
- 19.66 - Petroleum Extraction (PE) Combining District;
- 19.81 - Outdoor Lighting (Dark Skies Ordinance);
- 19.88 - Hillside Development;
- 19.102 - Permit Procedures; and
- 19.108 - Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots;

(2) Several sites within the Project Area are listed by CalEPA on the Cortese List, as identified in the Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (2020/2021) (<https://kernplanning.com/SREIR2020-oil-gas-zoning-revisions/>) on 2.3 million acres located Countywide

(3) Consider Final Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (2020/2021) including: proposed Findings of Fact pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091; proposed Statements of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15093; and, proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for recommendation to Kern County Board of Supervisors

If you have comments about this proposal you are encouraged to send them in writing. We encourage the submittal of written comments by January 25, 2021, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted anytime prior to, or at, the public hearing. Correspondence should be sent to:

Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Please make reference to the file number: **Zoning Ordinance Amendment (2020(A))**

If you have questions regarding this project, telephone the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department and speak to:

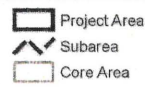
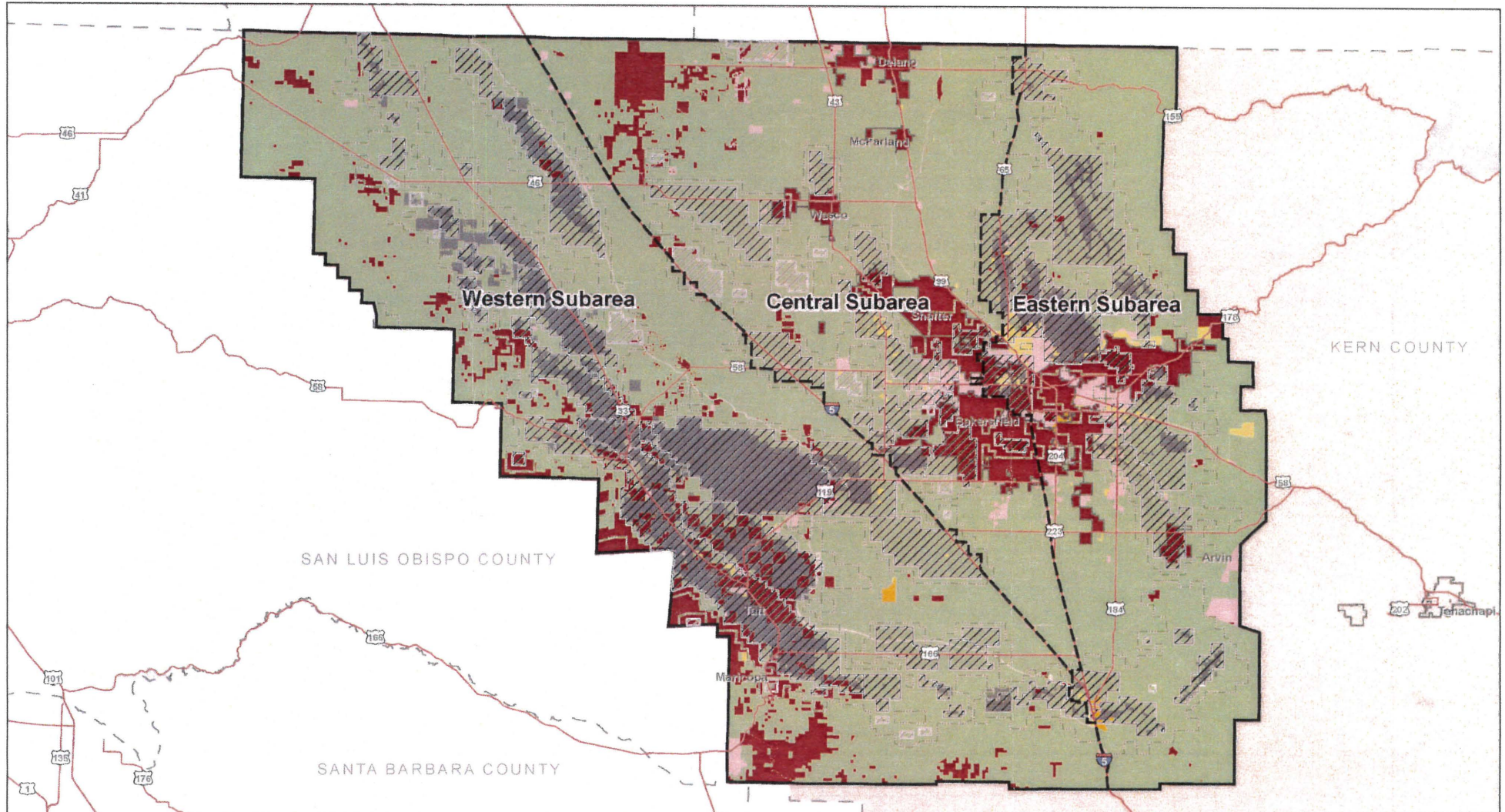
Cindi Hoover, Planner III, ((661) 862-8629)

If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Draft Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report
for Revisions to Title 19 - Kern County Zoning Ordinance (2020-A)
Focused on Oil and Gas Local Permitting



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Kern County
City Limits
Highways
County Boundary

CalGEM Administrative
Well Field Boundaries
CalGEM Administrative
Well Field Boundaries (Abd)

Tier Levels

Tier 1
Tier 2
Tier 3
Tier 4
Tier 5
Non-jurisdictional

Data Sources: Kern County, 2013; ESRI 2010

Figure 19.98.015
Oil and Gas Activities
Boundary Area

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