COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT:

CASE NUMBERS:

ERG Operating Company West Cat Canyon Revitalization Plan Project

14PPP-00000-00001, 14DVP-00000-00009, 15EIR-00000-00004

DATE OF HEARING:

MARCH 13, 2019

PLACE:

BETTERAVIA GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM

511 EAST LAKESIDE PARKWAY

SANTA MARIA CA 93455

Project Description: ERG Operating Company (ERG) requests an Oil Drilling and Production Plan and a Development Plan to construct and operate up to 233 new thermally enhanced (cyclic steaming) oil and gas production wells on within ERG's existing Cat Canyon property holdings. The project includes four new steam generators, new inner field piping, and a new 8-inch diameter natural gas fuel (NGF) pipeline to replace the existing 4-inch line. Treated brine water would be used in the steam generators to produce steam for the wells; no freshwater would be used. No hydraulic fracturing will occur. At full well buildout, oil production is estimated at 10,000 barrels of oil per day. More detailed project information is available in the Section 2.0 of the EIR.

Project Location: The project site is located in the state-designated Cat Canyon Oil Field, about 7 miles southeast of Santa Maria and near Garey and Sisquoc. The NGF pipeline would be located in the southern portion of the site and would cross underneath Highway 101 about two miles north of Los Alamos. The project site comprises multiple parcels zoned AG-II-100 in the Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

Public Hearing and Comment: The Planning Commission hearing begins at 9:00 a.m. The order of items listed on the agenda is subject to change by the Planning Commission. Anyone interested in this matter is invited to appear and speak in support of or in opposition to the project. Written comments are also welcome. All letters should be addressed to the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101. Letters, with nine copies, and computer materials, e.g. PowerPoint presentations, should be filed with the secretary of the Planning Commission no later than 12:00 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning Commission hearing. You may also submit comment letters electronically to the Planning Commission Recording Secretary at dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us. The decision to accept late materials will be at the discretion of the Planning Commission.

Persons may address the Planning Commission by using the remote video testimony system located at the Engineering Building, Room 17, Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.

Maps and/or staff analysis of the proposal may be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department, 123 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara one week prior to the public hearing. They may also be found on the Planning and Development Department's website, located at www.sbcountyplanning.org.

For further information, please contact the planner, Nancy Minick at (805) 884-8050.

If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this hearing, please contact the Hearing Support Staff at (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.

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