State of California Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

California Environmental Quality Act

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning & Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Conservation Geologic Energy Management Division 801 K Street, MS 18-05 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Lead Agency: County of Monterey Resource Management Agency, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901, Bob Schubert, 831-755-5183

State Clearinghouse #: 2017081015

Lead Agency Project Title: Porter Estates Company Bradley Ranch Inc. (Trio Petroleum) Initial Study/2018 MND/PLN160146

Project Activity Title: OG Trio 1 Well 04112022

Permit Applicant: Trio Petroleum LLC

Project Location: Any oil field

County: Monterey Section: 14

Township: 24S Range/Baseline: 10E/MD B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 35.843527, -120.857672

Project Description:

The originally approved project consists of drilling four new oil and gas wells in unincorporated Monterey County. A Use Permit allows the construction of this well and allows the temporary exploration for and removal of oil and gas at the Hames Valley Exploration Well #1 location which is 5,000 feet west of Nacimiento Lake Drive, 1 mile south of Jolon Road (Assessor's Parcel Number 424-081-046-000).

CalGEM has approved permits for *Trio Petroleum LLC* to install the oil and gas well listed below, outside an existing oilfield.

API# Well Name

0405322641 Hames Valley 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 the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the **Responsible Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above project activity on 4/29/22.

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, as follows:

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SCH #: None

Date Certified or Adopted: 4/3/2018

- Environmental Impacts from the project will
 □ Have a significant effect on the environment

 Not have a significant effect on the environment
- 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

 \boxtimes 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

 \Box Adopted for this project $\underline{\boxtimes}$ Not adopted for this project

6. Findings were

 \boxtimes 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 environmental document prepared by the Lead Agency for this project, including any Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at NA, located at NA, or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: NA

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/

Certified: Tharon Wright Geologic Energy Management Division Date: 5/4/22