

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

California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: OG Bridge 2 wells 12132019

Project Applicant: Bridge Energy LLC

Project Location: Brea-Olinda Oil Field

County: Los Angeles Section: 34

Township: 02S Range/Baseline: 10W / MD B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.95015520 / -117.92060016

Project Description:

Bridge Energy LLC proposes to 2 new wells, "Puente" C-36, and "Puente" C-40 in the Brea-Olinda oilfield, Puente lease. The new wells will be located on an existing oilfield with existing access roads.

Temporary equipment for the project includes: sound barrier walls, crane, forklift, electric AVR drill rig, associated drilling rig equipment, workover rig for completion, Baker tanks, vacuum trucks, various vehicles to transport personnel, material, mob/demobilize equipment, and transport waste.

If the well is determined to have economic production potential, the well would be completed, and production equipment installed. Electric power is located on the lease to power the production equipment. New power lines will need to be installed from existing power lines.

Subject wells are located greater than 700 feet on the west side from any residential buildings and boundaries on the east and north by vacant land.

Details on well locations can be found on the Division's website at:
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Wellfinder.aspx>

Exempt Status:

As the Lead Agency, the Geologic Energy Management (Division), has determined that the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to the specified exemptions marked in the section below. The Division further finds that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment, or that any of the exceptions to the exemptions apply (14 CCR 15300.2).

Exemption Type		Statute (PRC)	Regulation (14 CCR)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption:			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Project (<i>pre-CEQA. Approval prior to April 5, 1973</i>)	21169	15261 (b)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial	21080 (b)(1)	15268	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency	21080 (b)(3)	15269 (a)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Projects	21080 (b)(4)	15269 (b) or (c)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption:			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class 1: Existing Facilities	21084	15301	1684.1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 3: New Construction/Conversion of Small Structures		15303	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land		15304	1684.2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 6: Information Collection		15306	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 7: Protection of Natural Resources		15307	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 8: Protection of the Environment		15308	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 11: Accessory Structures		15311	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 21: Enforcement Actions to revoke a permit		15321	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 30: Minor Actions to Prevent, Minimize, Stabilize, Mitigate, or Eliminate a Release (Actual or Threat) of Hazardous Substances (Waste or Material)		15330	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Class 33: Small Habitat Restoration Projects		15333	
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Exemption ("common sense")		15061 (b)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a "Project" subject to CEQA		15378 (b)(2)	

CEQA Exceptions to the Exemptions (14 CCR 15300.2): where project is located (e.g. sensitive environment); Cumulative Impact; Significant Effect due to Unusual Circumstances; Scenic Highways; Hazardous Waste Sites; Historical Resources.

➤ **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The basis for the Division's determination that the project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA is provided in the brief explanation below.

15261(b) - Ongoing Project: The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under the Ongoing Project exemption (PRC 21169; 14 CCR 15261 (b)) because the Division identified administrative boundaries of the Brea-Olinda oil & gas field that were approved prior to April 5, 1973 (*pre-CEQA*). Division permit approvals for oil & gas activities within this field occurred before April 5, 1973 and those permit approvals occurring after that date do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over the project as a whole than did the prior approvals.

Class 1 – Existing Facility: The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the "Class 1" (14 CCR §15301) exemption per the CEQA Guidelines and per CalGEM's regulations (14 CCR §1684.1) because the well will be installed within an existing oil field and involves no expansion of use of the oil field.

Exceptions to Exemptions: The Division further finds that there are no exceptions to the otherwise-applicable categorical exemptions (PRC §21084; 14 CCR 15300.2(c)). There is no substantial evidence that there are any "unusual circumstances" associated with the proposed project that create a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and that there is no significant "cumulative impacts" resulting from successive projects of the same type in the same place. Therefore, this project is not subject to CEQA.

A copy of this NOE (as required by 14 CCR 15062(a)) and all other related materials are available for public inspection at the Division's CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street, 14th floor, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may also be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>; and/or the Division's website at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA>

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 CEQA Unit

Date: January 10, 2020 _____