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	From:	Lead Agency
	State Clearinghouse		Department of Conservation
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Project Title:	OG HWOC 27 Wells						
Project Applicant:	Holmes Western Oil C	ompany					
Project Location:	Midway-Sunset Oil Fie <i>County:</i>	ld Kern	Section:	17			
	Township:	11N	Range/Baseline:	23W SB BM			

Project Description:

Holmes Western Oil Company (HWOC) proposes to drill 27 new oil wells. The proposed project would occur on previously disturbed well pads that require minor grading to level the location. The project would occur on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a maximum disturbed area of 8.56 acres.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (PRC §21000, et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000, et seq.), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) is the CEQA lead agency for the proposed project, while the BLM is the NEPA lead agency. The Division has reviewed BLM's approved FONSIs (DOI-BLM-CA-CO60-2020-0138-EA and DOI-BLM-CA-CO60-2020-0124-EA) and finds that they meet the requirements of CEQA. BLM found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the Division intends to use the FONSI rather than preparing a Negative Declaration for this project.

CalGEM has approved to issue new drill permits to SPR for the following wells:

API #	Well Name	API #	Well Name	API #	Well Name
403069117	Maricopa S 13	403069129	Maricopa S 5-A	403069125	Gov't/USL 112
403069112	Maricopa S 14	403069145	Maricopa S 56	403069126	USL/ Gov't 139
403069113	Maricopa S 15	403069131	Maricopa S 18	403069127	USL/ Gov't 131
403069115	Maricopa S 17	403069132	Maricopa S 9-A	403069140	USL/ Gov't 135
403069118	Maricopa S 3-A	403069133	Maricopa S 7-A	403069141	USL/ Gov't 141
403069138	Maricopa S 34	403069136	Maricopa S 47	403069130	USL/ Gov't 137
403069139	Maricopa S 49	403069137	Maricopa S 45	Unavailable	USL/ Gov't 109
403069143	Maricopa S 42	403069144	Maricopa 52	403069123	USL/ Gov't 145
403069142	Maricopa S 48	403069122	USL/ Gov't 99	403069124	USL/Gov't 129

Details on well locations can be found on CalGEM's website at:

http://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 **Lead Agency** under CEQA, has approved the above described project on June 11, 2021, and has made the following determinations as a result of its environmental review:

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/used for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

□ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

□ Negative Declaration (ND)

☑ Finding of No Significance (FONSI), in place of ND/MND □ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in place of EIR

Joint Environmental Document:

□ EIS/EIR □FONSI/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)

☑ <u>Not</u> made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of CalGEM's environmental documents 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 the CalGEM/CEQA Unit, located at 801 K Street Suite 1805, Sacramento, CA 95812; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at the State Clearinghouse: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov; and/or CalGEM's website at: https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA.

The approved NEPA documents including Environmental Assessments, Finding of No Significant Impact, Record of Decision and any supporting documents are available for review on BLM's website at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do

Certified:

Brian Newman-Lindsay

6/17/2021

Date:

Geologic Energy Management Division CEQA Unit