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Notice of Determination

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State Clearinghouse #: 2025091141

Lead Agency Project Title: Westside Trend Exploration Well Project – Bidr, LLC

Date Adopted: November 5, 2025

CalGEM Project Title: Westside Trend Exploration Well Project

Project Applicant: Bidr, LLC

Project Location: The proposed project will be in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 43 miles west of Bakersfield and adjacent to the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and Carneros Creek Oil Field. The proposed well location will be in Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 20 East MDB&M on APN 085-170-09 (Lat: 35.465456628 Long: -119.836119926). The proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15072, subd. (g)(5).)

County: Kern County

Project Description: Bidr, LLC applied to CalGEM for a permit to drill one new exploratory well approximately 1,500 feet south of the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and 1,500 feet east and 1,100 feet north of the Carneros Creek Oil Field in Kern County. The proposed project includes the drilling of the one exploratory well, the creation of a new well pad, and the installation of temporary storage facilities, located on approximately 2.1 acres of undisturbed private land, for a total disturbance of less than 2.1 acres.

The project activities being permitted by CalGEM are within the scope of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. CalGEM approved the permit for Bidr, LLC to drill the "Westside Trend Exploration" well located in Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 20 East MDB&M on APN 085-170-09 (Lat: 35.465456628 Long: -119.836119926).

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that CalGEM, as the **Lead Agency** under CEQA, approved the above project activities on November 5, 2025. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, CalGEM prepared an environmental document for the project, and made the following determinations:

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 for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
 - ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
 - ☐ Negative Declaration (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 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)
 - ☒ Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15091)

A copy of the environmental documents prepared by CalGEM and the MMRP, Findings, and all other related documents can be made available to the public by contacting the CalGEM CEQA Program at 715 P Street, MS 1906, Sacramento, CA 95814-3530; (916) 268-2353; or Christine.roybal@conservation.ca.gov. The notice filed with the State Clearinghouse may be accessed online at: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

Certified:  **Date:** 11/5/2025

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