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TIMOTHY R. KUSTIC NAMED HEAD OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES

SACRAMENTO – Timothy R. Kustic has been named State Oil & Gas Supervisor this week by Cliff Rechtschaffen, Acting Director of the California Department of Conservation.

“Tim brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position, having worked at the department for close to 30 years,” Rechtschaffen said. Kustic has been acting State Oil & Gas Supervisor for the past two months.

In his new role, Kustic will lead the California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR). Most recently, he had served as the division’s Technical Service Manager. Kustic began his career in the petroleum industry. At DOGGR, Kustic also served as a field engineer in the Bakersfield and Santa Maria district offices, as manager of the Sacramento district office, and as the division’s Facilities Program Manager.

DOGGR ensures the safe exploration and development of energy resources. The division’s programs include oil, gas, and geothermal well permitting and testing; safety inspections; oversight of production and injection projects; environmental lease inspections; idle-well testing; inspecting oilfield tanks, pipelines, and sumps; hazardous and orphan well plugging and abandonment contracts; and subsidence monitoring.

“My long career in the field of natural resources has provided me with an understanding of the complex challenges faced by the oil, gas, and geothermal industries as well as by DOGGR, which is mandated to encourage the wise development of California’s energy resources while protecting the environment,” Kustic said.

California produced 200.8 million barrels of oil and 255.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 2010. About 2,100 new wells were drilled in the state in 2010.

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