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CONSERVATION CATCH-UP



Recap: Project Plug Community Meetings

In June, the Department of Conservation held a series of in-person meetings with communities in Kern, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties to discuss recent state and federal funding that will support work to permanently plug and seal idle wells in these communities.

With the help of on-site translation in both Spanish and Mixteco, staff had productive conversations and reached even more individuals living near these wells. Cleanup work in these communities will address the environmental effects of legacy pollution from orphan oil wells.

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Yates Ranch Protected by Conservation Grant



Before announcing his retirement, Director Shabazian celebrated a grant to protect 500 acres in Calaveras County.

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Media Highlight: Rainstorms and Landslide Safety



Wendy Bohon spoke with KTTV News in Los Angeles about how to prepare for landslides during

Landmark Oil Setback Law Now in Effect

On June 28, Senate Bill 1137 went into effect creating Health Protection Zones around sensitive receptors. The law bans new drilling, oil facilities and more within those zones.



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A screenshot of a web-based interactive map titled "SB1137 Health Protection Zones". The map shows the state of California with numerous pink circular overlays representing health protection zones around oil and gas wells. Several orange callout boxes point to specific features: "Filter" (top left), "Search Map Layers" (top center), "Export" (bottom left), "View Data Table" (bottom center), "Help" (top right), "Toggle Map Layers" (middle right), and "Share" (far right). A "Layer List" panel on the right side shows various map layers. At the bottom, a table displays well data.

API	Well Designation	Well Status	Well Type	Operator Name
5401120119	Zumaich 1	Active	Oil Gas	Rayco Energy, Inc.
5401720010	Zumaich 1	Active	Oil Gas	Rayco Energy, Inc.

Interactive Map: Explore Health Protection Zones

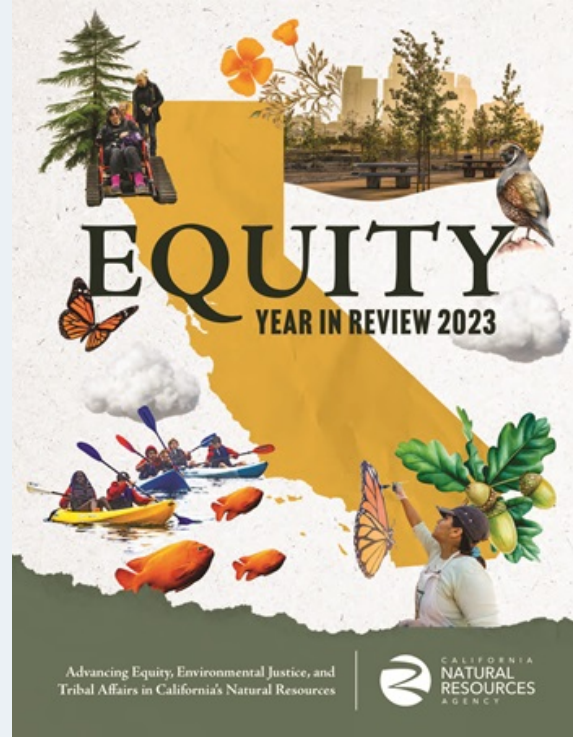
There's a new way to view health protection zones around oil and gas operations in California. An updated web map shows wells near places that matter most - schools, homes, hospitals, daycare centers, community centers, and more. [Explore Now](#)

Looking Back at the 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake Sequence



Five years ago, magnitude 6.4 and 7.1 earthquakes struck near Ridgecrest. The California Geological Survey published a new webpage highlighting actions taken by geologists, how earthquakes are researched, and why this information helps keep Californians safe.

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