NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Rio Vista Well Development Project. In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice informs responsible agencies and other interested parties of the availability of the Draft IS/MND and solicits public comments and concerns regarding the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project. (14 CCR §§ 15072, 15105).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: California Resources Production Corporation proposes to construct 83 new natural gas wells and associated equipment, facilities, and infrastructure on private lands within the Rio Vista Gas Field. The Project encompasses approximately 141 acres. The Project also includes use of an existing pipeline conduit beneath the San Joaquin River, which is under the jurisdiction of the California State Lands Commission. The proposed well development activities are intended to advance exploration and production purposes, which will support future natural gas production and distribution throughout the surrounding region.

LOCATION: The Project is located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta region near the City of Rio Vista in northern California within the Rio Vista Gas Field. The Project is located near State Route 12 on private lands intersected by the Sacramento River, San Joaquin River, and various sloughs. The proposed wells would be located in three counties: 39 wells in Solano County, 32 wells in Sacramento County, and 12 wells in Contra Costa County. The Project is not located on a site included on the list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 [14 CCR §15072(g)(5)].

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft IS/MND identifies potentially significant environmental impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Project to reduce these impacts to less than significant levels. All other resource areas evaluated were determined to result in less than significant impacts or no impacts.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period, beginning November 3, 2026, and ending on December 2, 2026, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines. (14 CCR §15105).

No public meetings are planned for the proposed Project. Written comments must be received no later than December 2, 2026.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM)
Attn: Rio Vista Well Development Project Public Comment
715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814

Or you may email comments to: CEQA@conservation.ca.gov

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft IS/MND is available for public review during normal business hours at the Department of Conservation, CalGEM, 715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The Draft IS/MND is also available online on the CalGEM CEQA webpage: https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA.

Per CEQA Guidelines, CEQA notices and environmental documents are submitted to the State Clearinghouse and are available for review on CEQAnet at: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/.

For questions regarding the Project or to request a hard copy of the Draft IS/MND, please contact Haley Walters at Haley.Walters@conservation.ca.gov and copy CEQA@conservation.ca.gov. Please include "CRPC Rio Vista Well Development Project" in the subject line of your email.

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