

**UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
BAKERSFIELD FIELD OFFICE  
DECISION RECORD**

**Aera – 2-11C  
DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2016-0005-DNA**

**Introduction**

Chevron has submitted one Sundry to plug and abandon well: 2-11C on their federal mineral lease (CACA028423) located in Section 18 T. 26 S., R. 21 E., MDB&M. This well is within the Lost Hills Oilfield.

**Decision**

I have reviewed the recommendations on the proposed action addressed in this Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA). I find this action to be in conformance with applicable land use plans, that it effectively serves the public, and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. It is therefore my decision to approve the proposed action to plug and abandon the well subject to the conditions of approval identified for the proposed action in the DNA.

**Alternatives Considered but not Selected**

A No Action Alternative that would deny the application was considered, but not selected.

**Decision Rationale**

The decision to approve the Sundry to plug and abandon well: 2-11C on their Federal Mineral lease (CACA028423) on BLM lands located in Section 18 T. 26 S., R. 21 E., MDB&M best meets the purpose and need of Aera and the objective to supply energy resources to the American public. This decision also meets the Bakersfield RMP's Objective:

“Facilitate reasonable, economical, and environmentally sound exploration and development of leasable minerals while minimizing impacts to resources.”

**Consultation and Coordination**

**Biological Consultation**

Formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not necessary due to the lack of new habitat disturbance in the proposed action.

## SUMMARY OF PERSONS, GROUPS, AND AGENCIES CONSULTED

Gabriel Garcia, Field Manager  
Steve Larson, Assistant Field Manager, Resources  
Dave Faires, Natural Resource Specialist  
Tamara Whitley, Archaeologist  
Silvet Holcomb, Petroleum Engineer

### Plan Consistency

Based on information in the DNA, the project record, and recommendations from BLM specialists, I conclude that this decision is consistent with the Bakersfield RMP; the Endangered Species Act; the Native American Religious Freedom Act; other cultural resource management laws and regulations; Executive Order 12898 regarding Environmental Justice; and Executive Order 13212 regarding potential adverse impacts to energy development, production, supply and/or distribution.

### Administrative Remedies

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Office of the Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region  
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1712  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1890

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date of approval by the authorized officer.

/s/ John Hodge \_\_\_\_\_  
John Hodge  
Acting- Assistant Field Manager  
Bakersfield Field Office

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Date