

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

**Chevron – G-205, G-296, G-320, G-1067, G-2202, G-2330
DOI-BLM-CA-C060-2016-0006-DNA**

Introduction

Chevron has submitted six Sundry's to plug and abandon 6 wells: G-205, G-296, G-320, G-1067, G-2202, G-2330; on their federal mineral lease (CAS19382) located in Sections 22; T. 31 S., R. 22 E., MDB&M. These wells are within the Midway-Sunset 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 6 wells 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 six Sundry's to plug and abandon wells: G-205, G-296, G-320, G-1067, G-2202, G-2330 on their Federal Mineral lease (CAS019382) on BLM lands located in Section 22; T. 31 S., R. 22 E., MDB&M best meets the purpose and need of Chevron 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
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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

11/20/2015
Date