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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hingtgen:

SIR – SUPPLEMENTAL EIR PROJECT SPECIFIC REQUESTS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT

SCH: 2015121012

The Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) has reviewed the above referenced project for impacts with Division jurisdictional authority. The Division supervises the drilling, maintenance, and plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, and geothermal wells in California. The Division offers the following comments for your consideration.

The project area is in San Diego County and is not within an administrative field boundary. Division records indicate that there are about fifty-nine oil, gas and geothermal wells located within the project boundary as identified in the application. Division information can be found at: www.conservation.ca.gov. Individual well records are also available on the Division's web site, or by emailing DOGDIST1@conservation.ca.gov.

The scope and content of information that is germane to Division's responsibility are contained in Section 3000 et seq. of the Public Resources Code, and administrative regulations under Title 14, Division 2, Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

If any wells, including any plugged, abandoned or unrecorded wells, are damaged or uncovered during excavation or grading, remedial plugging operations may be required. If such damage or discovery occurs, the Division's district office must be contacted to obtain information on the requirements and approval to perform remedial operations.

The possibility for future problems from geothermal wells that have been plugged and abandoned, or reabandoned, to the Division's current specifications are remote. However, the Division recommends that a diligent effort be made to avoid building over any plugged and abandoned well.

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Questions regarding the Division's Construction Site Well Review Program can be addressed to the local Division's office in Cypress by emailing DOGDIST1@conservation.ca.gov or by calling (714) 816-6847.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Letter S3

California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Conservation Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources, Southern District

February 12, 2018

- **S3-1** The comment is introductory and describes the Division's jurisdictional authority. No further response is required.
- S3-2 The comment states the project area is not within an administrative field boundary but that there are about 59 oil, gas, and geothermal wells within the County and that well records are available on the Department's website.

The Proposed Project is a General Plan Amendment and does not propose any grading, excavation or other physical improvements. If future discretionary permits are proposed for specific project development, a project-level analysis would be performed including reconnaissance for any such wells; however, after searching for well records on the Division's website, the County did not find record of any such wells within the PSR Analysis Areas.

- S3-3 This comment provides reference to Public Resources Code regarding the Division's authority. The comment does not raise any issues with Draft SEIR; therefore, no further response is necessary.
- S3-4 The comment states that if any oil, gas or geothermal wells are damaged or uncovered during excavation or grading, that remedial plugging operations may be required.

The Proposed Project is a General Plan Amendment and does not propose any grading, excavation or other physical improvements. If future discretionary permits are proposed for specific project development, a project-level analysis would be performed including reconnaissance for any such wells; however, the County is not aware of any such wells within the PSR Analysis Areas.

S3-5 Please refer to response to comment S3-4 above. No further response is required.