

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A REVISED DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The County of Ventura, as the designated lead agency, is recirculating for public review a Revised Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (RDSEIR) for the following proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

CASE NUMBER: PL13-0158

APPLICANT: Carbon California Company, LLC

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2015021045

PROJECT ADDRESSES: The project site is located approximately 2,000 feet north of State Highway 150 and adjacent to Koenigstein Road.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER: 040-0-220-165

DATE REVISED APPLICATION FILED: April 15, 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant requests that a modification of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 3543 be granted to authorize the continued operation and maintenance of an existing oil and gas exploration and production operation (Agnew lease area) for an additional 25-year period. If granted, the operation could consist of a total of five oil and gas wells on an existing pad that include the drilling of two new oil wells and re-drill of one existing well. The use Koenigstein Road for access to the project site, and the full-time use of an existing on-site gas flare, and a change in the authorized access to the existing oil and gas facility during drilling and production operations is also proposed. Access to the lease area would be made by the use of Koenigstein Road to and from Highway 150 during drilling and production operations. A private driveway connected to Koenigstein Road would provide direct access to the drilling site.

Production operations would include trucking of produced oil and wastewater (brine) from the site to offsite oil refining and wastewater disposal facilities, with a maximum of 8 tanker truck loads (16 one-way trips) per week. All tanker truck operations would occur during daylight hours Monday through Friday, between 7:30 am and 6:30 pm. During temporary drilling operations, it is anticipated that a few truck trips would occur per day to deliver drilling fluids (mainly water) to the site. A truck-mounted drilling rig would be moved onto the site and remain for a few weeks for each new well.

The project would be subject to a limitation of 14 maintenance visits to the project site per week (i.e. 28 one-way trips). A standard pickup truck would be utilized to assist with the maintenance of the equipment associated with the oil and gas operation.

The proposed project does not include any removal of vegetation or substantial new grading. No new lighting is proposed. All proposed wells would be drilled on the

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existing Agnew lease pad.

The existing equipment on the project site (Exhibit 5) includes the following:

- Three wells (Agnew 1, Agnew 2 and Agnew 3)
- One, 16-foot tall water tank
- Two, 7,000-gallon waste water tanks
- Two, 13,000-gallon storage tanks (one waste tank and one oil tank)
- One barrel tank (out of service)
- Three vertical tanks ranging from 10 feet in height to 18 feet in height
- One flare to incinerate produced gas

Hydraulic fracturing, acid well stimulation and other “well stimulation treatments,” as defined in Public Resources Code Section 3157, are not included in the proposed project. The use of any such well stimulation treatment as part of the project would require a subsequent discretionary modification of the CUP, additional environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, and a public hearing.

GUIDE TO THE READER

The RDSEIR has been prepared in response to a Writ of Mandate issued by the State of California Superior Court, Ventura County (Case No. 56-2016-00484423-CU-MU-OXN), which overturned a decision by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors to certify a Subsequent EIR (SEIR) prepared for the subject oil and gas facility (California Carbon Agnew Lease). The Court ordered that the SEIR be revised to include additional analysis of the proposed project’s potential air quality and traffic impacts. The Table below describes the additional environmental impact evaluations required by the Court and indicates where the additional environmental impact analysis is located in the RDSEIR.

Court Ordered Analysis Included in the RDSEIR

Court Ordered Analysis to be Included in the RDSEIR	Location of Court Ordered Analysis in the RDSEIR
Compare all project-related air emissions to the air quality thresholds of significance adopted for the Ojai Valley Area Plan.	Section 4.1.2 of the RDSEIR (Thresholds of Significance)
Evaluate project-related air emissions from all project-related emissions sources, including the proposed full time use of an existing flare.	Project-related construction air emissions are summarized in Table 4.1-4. Baseline (existing) and proposed project-related air emissions are summarized in Table 4.1-5. Project-related emissions are compared to the

	Ojai Valley Area Plan air quality thresholds of significance in Table 4.1-6 of the RDSEIR.
Evaluate potential project-related health risk impacts.	Potential health risk impacts resulting from construction-related emissions and long-term project operation emissions are evaluated in Section 4.1.3 (Impact Analysis) under the Toxic Air Emissions and Health Risk Impacts subheading.
Evaluate the project's cumulative air quality impacts.	Section 4.1.4 of the RDSEIR
Evaluate potential traffic safety impacts from the addition of project-related traffic to the intersection of State Route 150 and Koenigstein Road.	Section 4.2.3 (Impact Analysis) under the Route 150 / Koenigstein Road Project Potential Safety Impacts subheading.

The project being reviewed in the RDSEIR has been revised from the project that was reviewed in the SEIR certified by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2016 and is the subject of the State of California Superior Court, Ventura County case described above. The SEIR certified by the County evaluated the drilling of three new wells. The RDSEIR evaluates the drilling of two new wells and the full-time use of the existing flare for the subject oil and gas lease (Agnew Lease).

The public review period for the RDSEIR for this project is from May 5, 2020 to June 19, 2020. Based on the analysis presented in the RDSEIR, the project will result in potentially significant but mitigatable impacts on Traffic Safety and Circulation, and less than significant impacts on Air Quality.

The RDSEIR and all documents referenced in the RDSEIR are available for public review on-line at <https://vcrma.org/divisions/planning> (select "CEQA Environmental Review"). The public is encouraged to submit written comments to Kristina Boero, no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2020 to the address listed above. In the alternative, you may fax your comments to (805) 654-2509 or e-mail the case planner at kristina.boero@ventura.org.

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