San Joaquin Valley
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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Notice of Determination

To:	☒ **County Clerk**	☐ **Office of Planning and Research**
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2011031054

Project Title: Chevron USA, Inc. – Thermally Enhanced Oil Recovery (TEOR) Well Operation, Project No. S-1101684

Project Location: The project is located in Section 29 of Township 26S and Range 21E. This location is within the boundaries of the existing Lost Hills Oilfield in Kern County.

Lat: **Long:** **OR** **Sec:** 29 **Twn & Dir:** 26 S **Ran & Dir** 21 E

Project Description: Chevron USA proposes to install 130 thermally enhanced oil production wells in its Lost Hills production field. The Lost Hills Oilfield boundary consists of 31.25 square miles. The wells will be a combination of subjecting existing wells to steam, which does not currently occur, and drilling of new wells that will also be completed in the thermally enhanced production zone. The eighty (80) new wells will be operated as free flowing cyclic steam enhanced oil wells. The fifty (50) existing wells will be operated as conventional steam enhanced oil wells, retaining their subsurface pumps and surface pumping jacks. There are no plans to steam the well bores of the existing wells, which may benefit from the steam injected into the well bores of the new wells.

This is to advise that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, acting as a ☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the District's ☐ Findings, ☐ Final EIR, or ☒ Negative Declaration, and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at: San Joaquin Valley APCD, 1990 E. Gettysburg Street, Fresno, CA

Signature (Public Agency): David Warner Title: Director of Permit Services

Date: APR 28 2011

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