EPA/CalGEM/Water Board UIC Monthly Check-In Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1-3 p.m.

1. **Rollcall of Key Agency Representation (5 min)**

2. **News/General Updates (15 min)**
   a. EPA updates (5 min, David Albright)
   b. CalGEM update (5 min, Uduak)
   c. WaterBoard update (5 min, Janice Zinky)

3. **Review Action Items (5 min)**
   a. Update Gantt Chart timeline for Lynch Canyon - Lanigan AE Application (complete, Amit)

4. **Aquifer Exemptions Status Update (20 min)**

SDWA Compliance Packages with Final or Prelim WB Concurrence	
Lynch Canyon (final)	04/18/22 - District updated the final documents. Documents will be shared with CalGEM HQ and SWB by April 25.
Sespe (final)	04/18/22 - Operator responded to US EPA questions. District is added additional data and currently reviewing the package. The entire package will be shared with CalGEM HQ and SWB by April 25.
Cat Can (prelim)	04/18/22 - District has completed the deep-dive analysis for the non-active operator wells. 10 P&A wells and 4 Idle wells. Package will be shared with SWB week of April 25.
Oxnard (prelim)	04/14/22 - CalGEM HQ completed and signed the "Notice to Suspend Injection" for the steam injection project. District engineer reassigned to Cat Canyon conduit analysis. This package will now be removed from the non-compliance AE list. Going forward, update on Oxnard AE will be provided under "Other" AE list.
Holser (prelim)	04/13/22 - Public comment period closed. OLRA to compile all comments and begin

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	answering common comments along with DOC Legal. 03/29/22 - Public hearing conducted.
Lompoc (prelim)	04/12/22 - Public hearing conducted. Public comment period ends on April 27.
SDWA Compliance Packages Awaiting Prelim WB Concurrence	
Midway Sunset	4/7/2022: Met with Operator group and discussed problematic wells with potential conduits. Await Operators final stamped document. 4/5/2022: CalGEM completed the review and shared the information with Operators.
Kern River	3/22/2022: Conduit analysis completed and submitted to WB. 12 wells identified as problematic with potential conduits.
Mt. Poso (Dorsey Area)	4/13/2022: Seeking legal advice. 4/12/2022: Sent operator a letter for signature to voluntary cease injection on to MON 760. Operator expressed unwillingness to sign quoting pending litigation. 4/4/2022: Met with Cimarron Oil LLC agent Anthony Rausin along with the East area Operation group. Communicated our concern about the AOR review and migration of injection water outside the approved AE.
Transitions	
S. Belridge, SE Area	4/14/2022: Aera is still waiting on drilling permits for 7 pressure observation wells, whose NOIs are currently in the CEQA Program queue. The urgency to pass CEQA to allow wells to be drilled per the jointly agreed Project schedule & establish baseline data as required by the Project Approval Letter. For the injection wells, all 75 wells have been issued permits.

Elk Hills, SE Area	4/14/2022: The statuses of the three UIC applications are the same as the last update, except the application for the Lower Tulare WD, UIC Project No. 22800022 is undergoing active review, approximately 50% complete with AOR. Many abandonment permits have been issued recently for injection wells associated with the exit UIC Project No. 22800002. send an application for preview to WB next week.
Other	
Casmalia	Apr 2022: No update 08/13/21 - New Operator looking to restart injection operations. CalGEM to require AE before reinitiating injection.
Deer Creek	Apr 2022: No update 11/10/2021: This project has since transferred to Petro-Lud, Inc. Addressing PRA request.
Round Mountain S. Area	Apr 2022: No update 11/5/2021: CalGEM submitted WB response.
Lost Hills Phase 2	Waiting for an official application 10/14/2021: A second meeting is scheduled for Oct 27, 2021. 6/21/2021: Meeting schedule with Operators and CalGEM. Communication suggests that the AE application is being prepared.
Kern Bluff	Waiting for the official application
Blackwells Corner	Waiting for an official application 12/04/2019: Application not ready for submittal.
N. Antelope Hills	1/12/2022: Application under review by CalGEM. Discussion with WB regarding conduit evaluation requirement for AEs with no current injection. 11/2/2021. CalGEM reviewing application. 10/11/2021: Operates presented application highlights to CalGEM

Lynch Canyon - D Sands	01/18/22 - Formation sample for D-Sands received from the operator. The District and Regional Water Quality Control Board are analyzing the data to ensure it is a native sample.

5. **Update on Class VI/Carbon Sequestration (10 min)**
   Project update (10 min, EPA)

6. **New Action Items/Follow Up**

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