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

Thursday, Oct 21, 2021, 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, John Borkovich)

3. **Review Action Items (20 min)**
   a. Discussion on CalGEM/WB response to EPA letter and Conduit analysis (20 min)

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

SDWA Compliance Packages with Final or Prelim WB Concurrence	
Lynch Canyon (final)	09/10/21 - Shared updated Maps with EPA.
Sespe (final)	10/19/21: waiting on administration approval.
Cat Can (prelim)	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. Final concurrence letter from WB postponed pending completion of fluid conduit study.
Oxnard (prelim)	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. Public comment period postponed pending completion of fluid conduit study.
Holser (prelim)	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. Public comment period postponed pending completion of fluid conduit study.
Lompoc (prelim)	10/19/21 - Operator responded to EPA's feedback on Oct 18. District office currently reviewing the operator's responses.
SDWA Compliance Packages Awaiting Prelim WB Concurrence	
Midway Sunset	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. Preliminary concurrence letter from WB may be postponed pending completion of fluid conduit study. 06/07/2021: Responded to WB questions.

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Kern River	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. Preliminary concurrence letter from WB may be postponed pending completion of fluid conduit study. 10/11/2021: Met with Chevron to update application. 10/4/2021: Met with WB to discuss upper Chanac areas with hydrocarbon saturations.
Mt. Poso (Dorsey Area)	Defining the scope of fluid conduit proposal from WB. 09/17/2021: CalGEM issued permit to plugback lower Vedder formation. 09/29/2021: CalGEM reviewed the application with Cawelo Water District. Cawelo water district expressed interest in assessing the produced water.
Transitions	
S. Belridge, SE Area	10/15/2021: Since the approval of the UIC transition project, Aera has taken the following actions: 1. Located the surface locations for the 8 Groundwater Monitoring (MW) wells and 7 Pressure observation (POW) wells based on the approved Monitoring Plan. 2. Preparing drilling plans for the GW and POW wells (The latest Kern CEQA permitting delay may impact the drilling of the POW wells in 2022.) 3. Working on bidding for all major pumping, piping and filter equipment 4. All biological and environmental surveys for the proposed injection well pads have been completed.
Elk Hills, SE Area	10/15/2021: 1. 26R Stevens WF, UIC Project No. 22800013 - Operator has responded to data requests, updated well data, addressed AOR problem wells, and provided MOA checklist; CalGEM Inland District responding to RWQCB initial questions, preparing PxP review items, and needs to review updated CRC information.

	2. NW Stevens WF, UIC Project Nos. 22800003 & 22800016 - Inland is working on second set of comments from WB, EDD upload to WellSTAR form, revising PAL to include WF EOR monitoring methods. Inland met with CRC and WB to discuss use of VRR in place of ZEI for large WF projects; Inland sent WB CRC responses to 6/17/2021 questions; Inland requested monitoring plan from CRC.
Other	
Casmalia	08/13/21 - New Operator looking to restart injection operations. CalGEM to require AE before reinitiating injection.
Deer Creek	06/12/2021: Meeting with Operator scheduled.
Round Mountain S. Area	10/14/2021: CalGEM finalizing response to Waterboard comments document from March 25, 2020. 9/9/2021: Meeting scheduled between CalGEM and local water agencies for September 24th to follow up on responses to water agency concerns.
Lost Hills Phase 2	Waiting for an official application 10/14/2021: A second meeting scheduled on 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	10/6/2021: CalGEM received an updated AE application on October 6, 2021 with number of revisions from previous versions. CalGEM will be requesting the operator/ consultant to present overview of updated application.

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

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