

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



TO:

FROM:

[X] County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
12400 E. Imperial Hwy., Rm. 2001
Norwalk, CA 90650

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite #302
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

[X] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

DATE: October 28, 2025

PROJECT NAME: Needham Ranch Open Space Oil Wells Plugging And Abandonment Project

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Santa Clarita, Neighborhood Services Department
(Contact: Susan Nelson; 661.290.2234)

PROJECT LOCATION: Assessor's Parcel Number 2827-051-914

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In February 2020, a portion of Needham Ranch Open Space was dedicated to the City of Santa Clarita (City) by the Needham Ranch Land Company, LLC. The land dedication included a 36-acre parcel of open space. The transfer in ownership of this parcel also included ownership of six idle oil wells located on the property. The City is proposing to plug and abandon these idle wells in accordance with CalGEM's regulations.

This is to advise that the [] Director of Public Works [] Planning Commission [X] City Council of the City of Santa Clarita has approved the above project on October 28, 2025. Review of the project by the Department of Community Development found that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

EXEMPT STATUS: The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Article 19, Section 15301 (Class) and Section 15304 (Class 4). A Class 1 exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures. A Class 4 exemption consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Person or agency carrying out the project: City of Santa Clarita, Neighborhood Services Department.

This is to certify that the Notice of Exemption with comments/responses and record of project approval is available for public review at:

City of Santa Clarita
Community Development Department
23920 Valencia Boulevard, Suite 302
Santa Clarita, California 91355
(661) 255-4330

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