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Notice of Preparation

December 3, 2012

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Plains Exploration and Production - Phase V Oil Field Expansion Conditional Use Permit; DRC2012-00035
SCH# 2012121005

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Plains Exploration and Production - Phase V Oil Field Expansion Conditional Use Permit; DRC2012-00035 draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

John McKenzie
San Luis Obispo County
976 Osos Street, Room 200
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2012121005
Project Title Plains Exploration and Production - Phase V Oil Field Expansion Conditional Use Permit; DRC2012-0003
Lead Agency San Luis Obispo County

Type **NOP** Notice of Preparation
Description Request by Plains Exploration & Production Company for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the expansion (Phase V) of an existing oil field that will include the following elements: addition of 11 new well pads and modification of 38 existing pads to provide for up to 350 new oil wells; installation of additional production and steam lines to the new wells; expansion of existing electrical power system; replacement of existing pipe bridge and installation of new pipe bridge over Pismo Creek; and replacement of existing pipe bridge and installation of new pipe bridge over Pismo Creek; and replacement of existing office trailers with larger office facilities.

Lead Agency Contact

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City San Luis Obispo **State** CA **Zip** 93408-2040

Project Location

County San Luis Obispo
City
Region
Cross Streets
Lat / Long
Parcel No.

Township	Range	Section	Base
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Proximity to:

Highways
Airports
Railways
Waterways
Schools
Land Use

Project Issues

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; California Coastal Commission; Department of Conservation; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Game, Region 4; Native American Heritage Commission; Public Utilities Commission; State Lands Commission; Caltrans, District 5; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3

Date Received 12/03/2012 **Start of Review** 12/03/2012 **End of Review** 01/02/2013

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Santa Ana Region (8)

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San Diego Region (9)

Other _____

Conservancy

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION –
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING
976 OSOS STREET • ROOM 200 • SAN LUIS OBISPO • CALIFORNIA 93408 • (805) 781-5600

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DATE: November 27, 2012

RECEIVED

FROM: Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos St., Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

DEC 03 2012

STATE CLEARING HOUSE

PROJECT TITLE: Plains Exploration & Production - Phase V Oil Field Expansion
Conditional Use Permit; DRC2012-00035

PROJECT APPLICANT: Plains Exploration & Production Company (David Rose)

RESPONSES DUE BY: December 28, 2012

The County of San Luis Obispo will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the above-referenced project, which is described as follows:

Request by Plains Exploration & Production Company for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the expansion (Phase V) of an existing oil field that will include the following elements: addition of 11 new well pads and modification of 38 existing pads to provide for up to 350 new oil wells; installation of additional production and steam lines to the new wells; expansion of existing electrical power system; replacement of existing pipe bridge and installation of new pipe bridge over Pismo Creek; and replacement of existing office trailers with larger office facilities. This expansion is expected to increase daily oil production from the currently approved 5,000 barrels to 9,000 barrels. One previously approved element from the Phase IV permit (three steam generators) would be constructed at the same time as the proposed expansion. No hydraulic fracturing is proposed. The project is located on both sides of Price Canyon Road, extending approximately 3/4 mile to the north and 1/4 mile to the south of Ormonde Rd., northeast of Pismo Beach, in the San Luis Bay (inland) planning area.

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

Please go to the following webpage to find the Initial Study, completed application and other information submitted by the applicant:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/plains.htm>

Please provide us the following information at your earliest convenience, but not later than the 30-day comment period, which began with your agency's receipt of the Notice of Preparation (NOP).

1. NAME OF CONTACT PERSON. (Please include address, e-mail and telephone number)
2. PERMIT(S) or APPROVAL(S) AUTHORITY. Please provide a summary description of these and send a copy of the relevant sections of legislation, regulatory guidance, etc.
3. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. What environmental information must be addressed in the Environmental Impact Report to enable your agency to use this documentation as a basis for your permit issuance or approval?
4. PERMIT STIPULATIONS/CONDITIONS. Please provide a list and description of standard stipulations (conditions) that your agency will apply to features of this project. Are there other conditions that have a high likelihood of application to a permit or approval for this project? If so, please list and describe.
5. ALTERNATIVES. What alternatives does your agency recommend be analyzed in the EIR?
6. REASONABLY FORESEEABLE PROJECTS, PROGRAMS or PLANS. Please name any future project, programs or plans that you think may have an overlapping influence with the project as proposed.
7. RELEVANT INFORMATION. Please provide references for any available, appropriate documentation you believe may be useful to the county in preparing the EIR. Reference to and/or inclusion of such documents in an electronic format would be appreciated.
8. FURTHER COMMENTS. Please provide any further comments or information that will help the county to scope the document and determine the appropriate level of environmental assessment.

The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. In addition, the County is maintaining a web page for this project with relevant information, which can be found at:

<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning/environmental/EnvironmentalNotices/plains.htm>

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, **but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.**

Please send your response to John McKenzie at the address shown above. As requested above, we will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Signature 
Project Manager
Telephone: (805) 781-5452
E-mail: jdmckenzie@co.slo.ca.us

Reference: California Administrative Code, Title 14, Section 15082

Attachments

None