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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF

ORDER R5-2027-XXXX

BERRY PETROLEUM COMPANY, LLC
HILL LEASE, SOUTH BELRIDGE OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY

Enclosed is a Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) and a draft copy of the subject Order. As stated in this Notice, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of the subject Order at a public meeting scheduled for:

DATE:	XX February 2027
TIME:	9:00 AM
PLACE:	Central Valley Water Board 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The date, time, and location of the public meeting may change after the Notice is issued. A Final Agenda will be made available at least ten days before the public meeting and will provide final date, time, location, and other details. Please review the Notice carefully for information, including how to obtain the Final Agenda and how to provide comments on the proposed Order. If adopted, Order R5-2027-XXXX will establish a change of operatorship of the Hill Lease in the South Belridge Oil Field (facility). The Hill Lease was owned by Berry Petroleum Company, LLC (Berry Petroleum Company) and operated by LINN Operating, Inc. as per Order R5-2015-0016 adopted by the Central Valley Water Board on 6 February 2015. The ownership of the Hill Lease was transferred to Berry Petroleum Company from ExxonMobile Production Company. The facility is now owned and operated by Berry Petroleum Company (Discharger). Waste Discharge Requirements R5-2013-0061 (post closure WDRs) regulate the monitoring of post closure requirements at the facility. If adopted, the subject Order will transfer the operator responsibility of the post closure WDRs to Berry.

Written comments on the draft Order must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on 28 December 2028. Comments should be emailed to: Nobuaki.Masutsubo@waterboards.ca.gov, with the subject line "Berry Petroleum Company, LLC Hill Lease Ownership Change."

Alternatively, written comments may be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Nobuaki Masutsubo
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Nobuaki Masutsubo at (559) 445-5179 or at Nobuaki.Masutsubo@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by
Alex Olsen
Supervising Engineering Geologist

Enclosure: Notice of Public Hearing
Draft Name Change Order No. R5-2027-XXXX

cc: w/o enclosures:
Chris Jones, District Deputy, Central District, California Geologic Energy Management Division, Bakersfield
Cesar C. Leon, Maintenance Coordinator, California Resources Corporation, Bakersfield
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