



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

March 15, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) proposes to issue an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following project:

**PROJECT TITLE, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION**

**Project Title:** Chevron USA, Inc. - Thermally Enhanced Oil Recovery (TEOR) Well Operation.

**Project Location:** The project is located in Section 29 of Township 26S and Range 21E, within the boundaries of the existing Lost Hills Oilfield.

**Description of Project:** Chevron USA, Inc. proposes to install 130 thermally enhanced oil production wells in its 31.25 square mile Lost Hills production field. The eighty (80) new wells will be operated as free flowing cyclic steam enhanced oil wells. The fifty (50) existing wells will be operated as conventional steam enhanced oil wells, retaining their subsurface pumps and surface pumping jacks.

**AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**

The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration demonstrates that with implementation of identified mitigation measures, project design elements and District permit conditions, the environmental impacts are less than significant. The reasons to support such a finding are documented in the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the District. Copies of the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at the following location:

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District:

San Joaquin Valley APCD  
Central Region Office  
1990 E. Gettysburg Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93726

On the web at: [http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public\\_notices\\_idx.htm](http://www.valleyair.org/notices/public_notices_idx.htm)

**COMMENTS ON INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**

**Public Review Period: Begins:** March 15, 2011      **Ends:** April 13, 2011

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Written comments will be reviewed by the District in considering the adoption of a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. To be considered, comments must be received by **5:00 pm on April 13, 2011.**