

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1966

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 23, 2012

An act to add Section 3205.7 to the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1966, as introduced, Ma. Natural resources: oil and gas: drilling. Existing law regulates oil and gas activities.

This bill would, commencing January 1, 2014, require the operator of an oil and gas well to provide to the surface owner a 10-day written notice of the intent to enter the surface owner's property for the purpose of the extraction of underlying oil, gas, or mineral. The bill would also require the operator to provide to the surface owner a copy of the applicable recorded short form or memorandum of oil, gas, or minerals lease within 10 days prior to entering the property.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3205.7 is added to the Public Resources
2 Code, to read:
3 3205.7. (a) An operator shall provide to the surface owner a
4 10-day written notice of the intent to enter the surface owner's
5 property for the purpose of the extraction of underlying oil, gas,
6 or minerals. If all surface owners cannot be located or determined,
7 the operator shall provide notice by publication. In addition, the

- 1 operator shall provide to the surface owner a copy of the applicable
- 2 recorded short form or memorandum of oil, gas, or mineral lease
- 3 within 10 days prior to entering the surface owner's property for
- 4 the purpose of the extraction of underlying oil, gas, or minerals.
- 5 (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014.

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