

# Vidor 5 Well Plug & Abandonment



SoCalGas has long desired to extract ourselves out of the Ballona Wetlands. We understand the importance of these wetlands and are committed to supporting their restoration where and when we can. Our abandonment of Vidor 5 is expected to be followed by several other well abandonments within the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, each of which will help accommodate a larger wetland restoration footprint.

## **Project Description:**

SoCalGas is abandoning the well identified as Vidor 5. Work includes bringing in a workover rig to remove the downhole piping and setting cement plugs to isolate the production zone. The wellhead would then be removed, and the well casing cut and capped approximately five feet below grade. Implementation of the project may require minor grading and leveling within the existing access road and well pad to level and stabilize the ground to ensure the workover rig and the associated equipment can be safely operated during project implementation. All concrete cellar material and piping would be removed. Implementation would result in temporary disturbances to approximately 0.33 acre, all of which would occur within non-wetland upland areas identified within the existing access road and well pad.

- Work is expected to begin on or near September 8 and take 12 to 16 weeks to complete.
- A biologist and archaeologist will provide monitoring onsite during certain activities.
- Work areas will be marked with flagging and/or k-rail and sound barriers will be installed.
- Secondary containment will be utilized to guard against inadvertent spills.
- Off-road travel will be strictly prohibited.
- SoCalGas has coordinated with the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Coastal Commission.