



Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Staff Report

Application: 52919

Applicant: Canbriam Energy Inc
Agent: Pioneer Land and Environmental
Local Government: Peace River EA

Proposal: To establish a new 6 ha wellsite resulting in a total non agricultural disturbance of 11.3 ha on the 1/4 section

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The land under application is undeveloped for agriculture, located in an area which is under heavy development pressure for gas production. Several similar applications have been reviewed by the ALC in the area.

LAND USE

Current Land Use:

Forested crown land - unsurveyed

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Forested ALR - crown land

East: Forested ALR - crown land

South: Forested ALR - crown land

West: Forested ALR - crown land

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Non- Farm Use Area: 6.0 ha

Agricultural Capability:

The majority of the area under application is rated as: Secondary

Source: CLI

RELEVANT APPLICATIONS

Application ID: 52604

Applicant: Province of British Columbia - Crown Lands

Proposal: To use 32.7 ha of ALR for non-farm uses: 23.7 ha for an Irregular Facility Site; and 9 ha for a water loading station site. For Block 72 the total non farm use area is proposed to be 16.3 ha, and for Block 62 the total non farm use area is proposed to be 16.3 ha.

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
265/2012	July 19, 2012	Allow with reclamation conditions.

Application ID: 52601

Applicant: Talisman Energy Inc

Proposal: Non-farm Use - Multi-Well Pad over 7 ha

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
262/2012	July 19, 2012	Allow subject to reclamation

Note: Lies to the east of the current application.

Application ID: 52436

Applicant: Talisman Energy Inc

Proposal: Non-farm Use - to use 14.05 ha of ALR on two 1/4 sections to construct a "super pad" gas wellsite. The intention is to drill 24 horizontal gas wells. The area of disturbance exceeds the 7 ha threshold per 1/4 section. The wellsites are located on 8.5 ha, while the borrow pit, and access road comprise the remainder of the ~14 ha disturbance area.

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
314/2011	September 8, 2011	Allow with reclamation conditions

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Official Community Plan:

Bylaw Name: Bylaw #1940
Designation: Agricultural - Rural
OCP Compliance: Yes

Zoning:

Zoning Bylaw Name: Bylaw #1000
Zoning Designation: A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings)
Minimum Lot Size: 63.0 ha
Zoning Compliance: Yes

Comments and Recommendations:

Board/Council

The Peace River Regional District forwarded the application without comment (as per policy).

ALC STAFF COMMENTS

Staff recommends that the application be allowed subject to reclamation conditions, consistent with other similar applications in the area (i.e. 52601)

END OF REPORT

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