

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF WESTERN MEADOWLARK
RESOURCES, LLC AND ITS PROGRESS TO REDUCE ITS
PLUGGING LIABILITY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2019

Western Meadowlark Resources, LLC (Western Meadowlark) acquired 47 producing wells and 1 injection well. At the April 11, 2019, public hearing, Western Meadowlark was ordered to appear at the October 9, 2019, board business meeting to provide the Board an update of its actions taken to reduce its plugging liability, ordered by Board Order 20-2019.

John Patterson, attorney, and Scott Cooney, chairman, appeared on behalf of Western Meadowlark to provide the update.

At the April 11, 2019, public hearing, Western Meadowlark stated that it intended to return wells to production and planned to budget for plugging and abandonment of 10% of its inactive wells each year. Since that hearing, production has been re-established in Mosser Dome field, and the company had plugged one well. Two additional wells were to be plugged within one week.

A motion was made and approved to continue to monitor Western Meadowlark's efforts to reduce its plugging liability.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Western Meadowlark is to appear at the Board's April 2020, business meeting to provide an update of its actions taken to reduce its plugging liability.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2019

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator