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CRC - CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORP

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024**  
OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-36478

**California Resources Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**46-5670947**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1 World Trade Center, Suite 1500  
Long Beach, California 90831**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(888) 848-4754**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock	CRC	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). ☒ Yes ☐ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large Accelerated Filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Accelerated Filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smaller Reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerging Growth Company	<input type="checkbox"/>		

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).    ☐ Yes    ☒ No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court.    ☒ Yes    ☐ No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding for each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.  
The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** was **68,530,744**, **67,876,933**.

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**California Resources Corporation and Subsidiaries**

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## GLOSSARY AND SELECTED ABBREVIATIONS

The following are abbreviations and definitions of certain terms used within this Form 10-Q:

- **ABR** - Alternate base rate.
- **Aera** - Aera Energy, LLC.
- **Aera Merger** - The transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.
- **ASC** - Accounting Standards Codification.
- **ARO** - Asset retirement obligation.
- **Bbl** - Barrel.
- **Bbl/d** - Barrels per day.
- **Bcf** - Billion cubic feet.
- **Bcfe** - Billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent using the ratio of one barrel of oil, condensate, or NGLs converted to six thousand cubic feet of natural gas.

- **Boe** - We convert natural gas volumes to crude oil equivalents using a ratio of six thousand cubic feet (Mcf) to one barrel of crude oil equivalent based on energy content. This is a widely used conversion method in the oil and natural gas industry.
- **Boe/d** - Barrel of oil equivalent per day.
- **Brookfield** - BGTF Sierra Aggregator LLC.
- **Btu** - British thermal unit.
- **CalGEM** - California Geologic Energy Management Division.
- **Carbon TerraVault JV** - A joint venture between our wholly-owned subsidiary Carbon TerraVault I, LLC with Brookfield for the further development of a carbon management business in California.
- **CCS** - Carbon capture and storage.
- **CDMA** - Carbon Dioxide Management Agreement.
- **CEQA** - California Environmental Quality Act.
- **CO<sub>2</sub>** - Carbon dioxide.
- **DAC** - Direct air capture.
- **DD&A** - Depletion, depreciation, and amortization.
- **EOR** - Enhanced oil recovery.
- **EPA** - United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- **ESG** - Environmental, social and governance.
- **E&P** - Exploration and production.
- **Full-Scope Net Zero** - Achieving permanent storage of captured or removed carbon emissions in a volume equal to all of our scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 2045.
- **GAAP** - United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- **G&A** - General and administrative expenses.
- **GHG** - Greenhouse gases.
- **JV** - Joint venture.
- **LCFS** - Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- **LIBOR** - London Interbank Offered Rate.
- **MBbl** - One thousand barrels of crude oil, condensate or NGLs.
- **MBbl/d** - One thousand barrels per day.
- **MBoe/d** - One thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day.
- **MBw/d** - One thousand barrels of water per day.
- **Mcf** - One thousand cubic feet of natural gas equivalent, with liquids converted to an equivalent volume of natural gas using the ratio of one barrel of oil to six thousand cubic feet of natural gas.
- **Merger Agreement** - Definitive agreement and plan of merger related to the transactions to obtain all of the ownership interests in Aera.
- **MHp** - One thousand horsepower.
- **MMBbl** - One million barrels of crude oil, condensate or NGLs.
- **MMBoe** - One million barrels of oil equivalent.
- **MMBtu** - One million British thermal units.
- **MMcf/d** - One million cubic feet of natural gas per day.
- **MMT** - Million metric tons.
- **MMTPA** - Million metric tons per annum.
- **MW** - Megawatts of power.
- **NGLs** - Natural gas liquids. Hydrocarbons found in natural gas that may be extracted as purity products such as ethane, propane, isobutane and normal butane, and natural gasoline.
- **NYMEX** - The New York Mercantile Exchange.
- **OCTG** - Oil country tubular goods.
- **Oil spill prevention rate** - Calculated as total Boe less net barrels lost divided by total Boe.
- **OPEC** - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.
- **OPEC+** - OPEC together with Russia and certain other producing countries.
- **PHMSA** - Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
- **Proved developed reserves** - Reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods.

- **Proved reserves** - The estimated quantities of natural gas, NGLs, and oil that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be commercially recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic conditions, operating methods and government regulations.
- **Proved undeveloped reserves** - Proved reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage that are reasonably certain of production when drilled or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion.
- **PSCs** - Production-sharing Contractual arrangements similar to production-sharing contracts.
- **PV-10** - Non-GAAP financial measure and represents the year-end present value of estimated future cash flows from proved oil and natural gas reserves, less future development and operating costs, discounted at 10% per annum and using SEC Prices. PV-10 facilitates the comparisons to other companies as it is not dependent on the tax-paying status of the entity.
- **Scope 1 emissions** - Our direct emissions.
- **Scope 2 emissions** - Indirect emissions from energy that we use (e.g., electricity, heat, steam, cooling) that is produced by others.
- **Scope 3 emissions** - Indirect emissions from upstream and downstream processing and use of our products.
- **SDWA** - Safe Drinking Water Act.
- **SEC** - United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
- **SEC Prices** - The unweighted arithmetic average of the first day-of-the-month price for each month within the year used to determine estimated volumes and cash flows for our proved reserves.
- **SOFR** - Secured overnight financing rate as administered by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- **Standardized measure** - The year-end present value of after-tax estimated future cash flows from proved oil and natural gas reserves, less future development and operating costs, discounted at 10% per annum and using SEC Prices. Standardized measure is prescribed by the SEC as an industry standard asset value measure to compare reserves with consistent pricing, costs and discount assumptions.
- **TRIR** - Total Recordable Incident Rate calculated as recordable incidents per 200,000 hours for all workers (employees and contractors).
- **Working interest** - The right granted to a lessee of a property to explore for and to produce and own oil, natural gas or other minerals in-place. A working interest owner bears the cost of development and operations of the property.
- **WTI** - West Texas Intermediate.

## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Item 1 Financial Statements (unaudited)

#### CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

##### Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023

(in millions, except share data)

	March 31,		December 31,	
	June 30,		December 31,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents				
Trade receivables				
Inventories				
Assets held for sale				
Receivable from affiliate				
Other current assets, net				
Total current assets				
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>				
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization				
Total property, plant and equipment, net				
<b>INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARY</b>				
<b>DEFERRED INCOME TAXES</b>				

OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS

TOTAL ASSETS

	CURRENT LIABILITIES	CURRENT LIABILITIES
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		
Accounts payable		
Accounts payable		
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale		
Accrued liabilities		
Accrued liabilities		
Accrued liabilities		
Total current liabilities		
Total current liabilities		
Total current liabilities		

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Long-term debt, net
Long-term debt, net
Long-term debt, net
Asset retirement obligations
Asset retirement obligations
Asset retirement obligations
Other long-term liabilities

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

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Preferred stock (20,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.01 par value) no shares outstanding at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023
Common stock (200,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.01 par value) (84,460,423 and 83,557,800 shares issued; 68,530,744 and 68,693,885 shares outstanding at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023)
Treasury stock (15,929,679 shares held at cost at March 31, 2024 and 14,863,915 shares held at cost at December 31, 2023)
Preferred stock (20,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.01 par value) no shares outstanding at June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023
Common stock (200,000,000 shares authorized at \$0.01 par value) (84,510,451 and 83,557,800 shares issued; 67,876,933 and 68,693,885 shares outstanding at June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023)
Treasury stock (16,633,518 shares held at cost at June 30, 2024 and 14,863,915 shares held at cost at December 31, 2023)
Additional paid-in capital
Retained earnings
Accumulated other comprehensive income
Total stockholders' equity
Total stockholders' equity
Total stockholders' equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
For the three and six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and 2023  
(dollars in millions, except share and per share data; shares in millions)

	Three months ended March 31,		Three months ended March 31,		Three months ended March 31,	
	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,			
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>REVENUES</b>					
<b>REVENUES</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales						
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales						
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales						
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives						
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives						
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						
Electricity sales						
Electricity sales						
Electricity sales						
Interest and other revenue						
Interest and other revenue						
Interest and other revenue						
Total operating revenues						
Total operating revenues						
Total operating revenues						
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Operating costs						
Operating costs						
Operating costs						
General and administrative expenses						
General and administrative expenses						
General and administrative expenses						
Depreciation, depletion and amortization						



Depreciation, depletion and amortization
Depreciation, depletion and amortization
Asset impairment
Asset impairment
Asset impairment
Taxes other than on income
Taxes other than on income
Taxes other than on income
Exploration expense
Exploration expense
Exploration expense
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Electricity generation expenses
Electricity generation expenses
Electricity generation expenses
Transportation costs
Transportation costs
Transportation costs
Accretion expense
Accretion expense
Accretion expense
Carbon management business expenses
Carbon management business expenses
Carbon management business expenses
Other operating expenses, net
Other operating expenses, net
Other operating expenses, net
Total operating expenses
Total operating expenses
Total operating expenses
Gain on asset divestitures
Gain on asset divestitures
Gain on asset divestitures
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME
OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME
OPERATING INCOME
OPERATING INCOME
OPERATING INCOME
NON-OPERATING (EXPENSES) INCOME
NON-OPERATING (EXPENSES) INCOME
NON-OPERATING (EXPENSES) INCOME
Interest and debt expense
Interest and debt expense
Interest and debt expense

Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary
Other non-operating income (loss)
Other non-operating income (loss)
Other non-operating income (loss)
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES
(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES
Income tax benefit (provision)
Income tax benefit (provision)
Income tax benefit (provision)
NET (LOSS) INCOME
NET (LOSS) INCOME
NET (LOSS) INCOME
Other non-operating (loss) income
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES
Income tax (provision) benefit
NET INCOME (LOSS)
Net (loss) income per share
Net income (loss) per share
Net (loss) income per share
Net income (loss) per share
Net (loss) income per share
Net income (loss) per share
Basic
Basic
Basic
Diluted
Diluted
Diluted
Weighted-average common shares outstanding
Weighted-average common shares outstanding
Weighted-average common shares outstanding
Basic
Basic
Basic
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Diluted

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

For the three and six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and 2023  
(in millions)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	\$ (10)	\$ 301
Other comprehensive income:		
Amortization of prior service cost credit included in net periodic benefit cost, net of tax <sup>(a)</sup>	(2)	—
<b>Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to common stock</b>	<b>\$ (12)</b>	<b>\$ 301</b>

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	\$ 8	\$ 97	\$ (2)	\$ 398
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Amortization of prior service cost credit included in net periodic benefit cost, net of tax <sup>(a)</sup>	—	—	(2)	—
<b>Comprehensive income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 8</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>	<b>\$ (4)</b>	<b>\$ 398</b>

(a) Tax effects of the amortization of the prior service cost credit were insignificant for the three and six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024**.  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity**  
For the three and six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and 2023  
(in millions)

	Three months ended March 31, 2024					
	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	\$ 1	\$ (604)	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,419	\$ 74	\$ 2,219
Net loss	—	—	—	(10)	—	(10)
Share-based compensation	—	—	7	—	—	7
Repurchases of common stock	—	(58)	—	—	—	(58)
Cash dividend (\$0.31 per share)	—	—	—	(22)	—	(22)
Shares cancelled for taxes	—	—	(41)	—	—	(41)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(2)	(2)
<b>Balance, March 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ (662)</b>	<b>\$ 1,295</b>	<b>\$ 1,387</b>	<b>\$ 72</b>	<b>\$ 2,093</b>

Three months ended March 31, 2023  
Three months ended March 31, 2023  
Three months ended March 31, 2023

Three months ended June 30, 2024													
Three months ended June 30, 2024													
Three months ended June 30, 2024													
	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity	
Balance, December 31, 2022													
Balance, March 31, 2024													
Net income													
Share-based compensation													
Share-based compensation													
Share-based compensation													
Repurchases of common stock													
Repurchases of common stock													
Repurchases of common stock													
Cash dividend (\$0.31 per share)													
Cash dividend (\$0.31 per share)													
Cash dividend (\$0.31 per share)													
Shares cancelled for taxes													
Other													
Repurchases of common stock													
Cash dividend (\$0.2825 per share)													
Cash dividend (\$0.2825 per share)													
Cash dividend (\$0.2825 per share)													
Shares cancelled for taxes													
Balance, March 31, 2023													
Balance, March 31, 2023													
Balance, March 31, 2023													
Balance, June 30, 2024													
Balance, June 30, 2024													

Balance, June 30,  
2024

	Three months ended June 30, 2023					
	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
			Capital	Retained Earnings		
<b>Balance, March 31, 2023</b>	\$ 1	\$ (520)	\$ 1,311	\$ 1,219	\$ 81	\$ 2,092
Net income	—	—	—	97	—	97
Share-based compensation	—	—	7	—	—	7
Repurchases of common stock	—	(64)	—	—	—	(64)
Cash dividend (\$0.2825 per share)	—	—	—	(21)	—	(21)
Shares cancelled for taxes	—	—	(1)	—	—	(1)
<b>Balance, June 30, 2023</b>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ (584)</u>	<u>\$ 1,317</u>	<u>\$ 1,295</u>	<u>\$ 81</u>	<u>\$ 2,110</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

	Six months ended June 30, 2024					
	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
			Capital	Retained Earnings		
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	\$ 1	\$ (604)	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,419	\$ 74	\$ 2,219
Net loss	—	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Share-based compensation	—	—	14	—	—	14
Repurchases of common stock	—	(93)	—	—	—	(93)
Cash dividend (\$0.31 per share)	—	—	—	(43)	—	(43)
Shares cancelled for taxes	—	—	(42)	—	—	(42)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(2)	(2)
Other	—	—	1	—	—	1
<b>Balance, June 30, 2024</b>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ (697)</u>	<u>\$ 1,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,374</u>	<u>\$ 72</u>	<u>\$ 2,052</u>

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023

	Six months ended June 30, 2023					
	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Additional Paid-in		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Equity
			Capital	Retained Earnings		
<b>Balance, December 31, 2022</b>	\$ 1	\$ (461)	\$ 1,305	\$ 938	\$ 81	\$ 1,864
Net income	—	—	—	398	—	398

Share-based compensation	—	—	14	—	—	14
Repurchases of common stock	—	(123)	—	—	—	(123)
Cash dividend (\$0.2825 per share)	—	—	—	(41)	—	(41)
Shares cancelled for taxes			(2)	—	—	(2)
<b>Balance, June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ (584)</b>	<b>\$ 1,317</b>	<b>\$ 1,295</b>	<b>\$ 81</b>	<b>\$ 2,110</b>

(in millions)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (loss) income	\$ (10)	\$ 301
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	53	58
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision	(9)	47
Asset impairment	—	3
Net loss (gain) from commodity derivatives	72	(42)
Net payments on settled commodity derivatives	(14)	(65)
Gain on asset divestitures	(6)	(7)
Other non-cash charges to income, net	6	21
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net	(5)	(6)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital investments	(54)	(47)
Changes in accrued capital investments	(4)	(13)
Proceeds from asset divestitures, net	10	—
Other, net	(1)	(1)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>(61)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repurchases of common stock	(58)	(59)
Common stock dividends	(21)	(20)
Payments on equity-settled awards	(4)	—
Issuance of common stock	1	1
Bridge loan commitment and debt amendment costs	(8)	—
Shares cancelled for taxes	(41)	(1)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(131)</b>	<b>(79)</b>
<b>(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents—end of period</b>	<b>\$ 403</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**  
(in millions)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 8	\$ 97	\$ (2)	\$ 398
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	53	56	106	114
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	3	9	(6)	56
Asset impairments	13	—	13	3
Net (gain) loss from commodity derivatives	(4)	(31)	68	(73)
Net payments on settled commodity derivatives	(10)	(63)	(24)	(128)
Gain on asset divestitures	(1)	—	(7)	(7)
Other non-cash charges to income, net	46	30	52	51
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net	(11)	10	(16)	4
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>418</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Capital investments	(34)	(39)	(88)	(86)
Changes in accrued capital investments	6	(2)	2	(15)
Proceeds from asset divestitures, net	2	—	12	—
Acquisitions	(6)	(1)	(6)	(1)
Other, net	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>(105)</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility	30	—	30	—
Proceeds from 2029 Senior Notes, net	590	—	590	—
Repurchases of common stock	(35)	(64)	(93)	(123)
Common stock dividends	(22)	(20)	(43)	(40)
Payments on equity-settled awards	—	—	(4)	—
Issuance of common stock	2	—	3	1
Bridge loan commitments	—	—	(5)	—
Debt amendment costs	—	(8)	(3)	(8)
Shares cancelled for taxes	(1)	(1)	(42)	(2)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>(172)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>(29)</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>307</b>

Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$ 1,031	\$ 448	\$ 1,031	\$ 448
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**March 31, June 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

We are an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production energy and carbon management company operating properties exclusively within California, committed to energy transition. We are committed to energy transition and have some of the lowest carbon intensity production in the United States, environmental stewardship while safely providing local, responsibly sourced energy. We are in also focused on maximizing the early stages value of permitting several our land, mineral ownership, and energy expertise for decarbonization by developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects in California. Our carbon management business, which we refer to as Carbon TerraVault, is expected to build, install, operate and maintain CO<sub>2</sub> capture equipment, transportation assets and storage facilities in California. In August 2022, we entered into a joint venture with BGTF Sierra Aggregator LLC (Brookfield) to pursue carbon management and storage activities (Carbon TerraVault JV). See Note 3 Investment in Unconsolidated Subsidiary and Related Party Transactions for more information on the Carbon TerraVault JV. other emissions-reducing projects.

Except when the context otherwise requires or where otherwise indicated, all references to “CRC,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to California Resources Corporation and its subsidiaries, subsidiaries as of the date presented. On July 1, 2024, we closed on transactions contemplated by the definitive agreement and plan of merger (Merger Agreement) to obtain all of the ownership interests in Aera Energy, LLC (Aera) with an effective date of January 1, 2024 (Aera Merger). As such, the accompanying unaudited financial statements do not contain the results of Aera for the periods indicated.

In the opinion of our management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to fairly present our financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for all periods presented. We have eliminated all significant intercompany transactions and accounts. We account for our share of oil and natural gas producing activities, in which we have a direct working interest, by reporting our proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and cash flows within the relevant lines on our condensed consolidated financial statements. In applying the equity method of accounting, our investment in an unconsolidated subsidiary (Carbon TerraVault JV HoldCo, LLC) was initially recognized at cost and then is adjusted for our proportionate share of income or loss in addition to contributions and distributions.

We have prepared this report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission applicable to interim financial information which permit the omission of certain disclosures to the extent they have not changed materially since the latest annual financial statements. We believe our disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to select appropriate accounting policies and make informed estimates and judgments regarding certain types of financial statement balances and disclosures. Actual results could differ. Management believes that these estimates and judgments provide a reasonable basis for the fair presentation of our condensed consolidated financial statements. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (2023 Annual Report).

The carrying amounts of cash, cash equivalents and on-balance sheet financial instruments, other than debt, approximate fair value. Refer to Note 43 Debt for the fair value of our debt.

Certain prior period balances related to natural gas liquid (NGL) marketing activities have been reclassified to conform to our 2024 presentation. For the three six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023, we reclassified \$3 million \$3 million related to NGL storage activities from other revenue to revenue from marketing of purchased commodities on our condensed consolidated statement of operations.

**NOTE 2 PENDING AERA MERGER**



On February 7, 2024, we entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger (Merger Agreement) to combine with Aera Energy, LLC (Aera) in an all-stock transaction (Aera Merger) with an effective date of January 1, 2024. Aera is a leading operator of mature fields in California, primarily in the San Joaquin and Ventura basins, with high oil-weighted production.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, we have agreed to issue 21,170,357 shares of common stock (subject to customary adjustments in the event of stock splits, dividend paid in stock and similar items) plus an additional number of shares determined by reference to the dividends declared by us having a record date between the effective date and closing as more fully described in the Merger Agreement. Upon closing, Aera's \$950 million outstanding long-term debt will become due as a result of a change in control provision within their legacy debt agreement. We expect to repay a significant portion of this indebtedness with cash on hand and borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. We intend to refinance the balance through one or more debt capital markets transactions and, only to the extent necessary, borrowings under a bridge loan facility provided by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (the Bank). Under the terms of our debt commitment letter with the Bank, it has committed, subject to satisfaction of customary conditions, to provide us with an unsecured 364-day bridge loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$500 million (Bridge Loan Facility). Additionally, we have amended our Revolving Credit Facility as described in *Note 4 Debt* in connection with the pending Aera Merger. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we incurred \$8 million related to the bridge loan commitment and amending our Revolving Credit Facility which is reported in other current assets, net on our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Closing of the Aera Merger is subject to certain conditions, including, among others, approval of the stock issuance by our stockholders, expiration of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (HSR Act), prior authorization by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and other customary closing conditions. The required waiting period under the HSR Act expired on March 25, 2024.

Upon completion of the transaction, we currently expect our existing stockholders to own approximately 77% of the combined company and the existing Aera owners to own approximately 23% of the combined company, on a fully diluted basis.

## NOTE 32 INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARY AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In August 2022, our wholly-owned subsidiary Carbon TerraVault I, LLC entered into a joint venture with Brookfield BGTF Sierra Aggregator LLC (Brookfield) for the further development of a carbon management business in California. California (Carbon TerraVault JV). We hold a 51% interest in the Carbon TerraVault JV and Brookfield holds a 49% interest. We determined that the Carbon TerraVault JV is a variable interest entity (VIE); however, we share decision-making power with Brookfield on all matters that most significantly impact the economic performance of the joint venture. Therefore, we account for our investment in the Carbon TerraVault JV under the equity method of accounting. Transactions between us and the Carbon TerraVault JV are related party transactions.

Brookfield has committed an initial \$500\$500 million to invest in CCS projects that are jointly approved through the Carbon TerraVault JV. As part of the formation of the Carbon TerraVault JV, we contributed rights to inject CO<sub>2</sub> into the 26R reservoir in our Elk Hills field for permanent CO<sub>2</sub> storage (26R reservoir) and Brookfield committed to make an initial investment of \$137\$137 million, payable in three installments with the last two installments subject to the achievement of certain milestones. We achieved the milestone for the second installment in March 2024. The third installment will be sized based on permitted storage capacity.

Brookfield contributed the first \$46 million installment of their initial investment to the Carbon TerraVault JV in 2022 and the second \$46 million installment was recorded as a receivable from affiliate on our condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2024, in April 2024. The remaining balance of the initial installment plus the second installment may, at our sole discretion, be distributed to us or used to satisfy future capital contributions, among other items. Because the parties have certain put and call rights (repurchase features) with respect to the 26R reservoir if certain milestones are not met, the first and second installment of the initial investment by Brookfield is reflected as a contingent liability included in other long-term liabilities on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. The contingent liability was \$99\$102 million and \$52\$52 million at March 31, 2024June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023December 31, 2023, respectively. respectively, inclusive of interest.

The tables below present the summarized financial information related to our equity method investment in the Carbon TerraVault JV (and do not include amounts we have incurred related to development of our carbon management business, Carbon TerraVault), along with related party transactions for the periods presented.

March 31,  
March 31,

	March 31,	December 31,			
	June 30,				
	June 30,				
	June 30,	December 31,			
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023

(in millions)

	Three months ended March 31,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	2024					
	2024					
			Three months ended	Six months ended		
			June 30,	June 30,		
	2024		2024	2023	2024	2023

(a) General and administrative expenses on our condensed consolidated statements of operations have been reduced by this amount which we have invoiced to the Carbon TerraVault JV under the MSA for back-office operational and commercial services.

The Carbon TerraVault JV has an option to participate in certain projects that involve the capture, transportation and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in California. This option expires upon the earlier of (1) August 2027, (2) when a final investment decision has been approved by the Carbon TerraVault JV for storage projects representing in excess of 5 million metric tons per annum (MMTPA) in the aggregate, or (3) when Brookfield has made contributions to the joint venture in excess of \$500\$500 million (unless Brookfield elects to increase its commitment).

## NOTE 43 DEBT

As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023, our long-term debt consisted of the following:

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## Long-term debt, net

### Long-term debt, net

- (a) At our election, borrowings under the amended Revolving Credit Facility may be alternate base rate (ABR) loans or term SOFR loans, plus an applicable margin. ABR loans bear interest at a rate equal to the highest of (i) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%, (ii) the administrative agent prime rate and (iii) the one-month SOFR rate plus 1%. Term SOFR loans bear interest at term SOFR, plus an additional 10 basis points per annum credit spread adjustment. The applicable margin is adjusted based on the a commitment utilization percentage and will vary from (i) in the case of ABR loans, 1.50% to 2.50% and (ii) in the case of term SOFR loans, 2.50% to 3.50%.
- (b) The Revolving Credit Facility is subject to a springing maturity to August 4, 2025 if any of our 2026 Senior Notes are outstanding on that date.

On April 26, 2023, we entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (Revolving Credit Facility) with Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other lenders, which amended and restated in its entirety the prior credit agreement dated October 27, 2020. As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, our Revolving Credit Facility consisted of a senior revolving loan facility with an aggregate commitment of \$630 million. Our Revolving Credit Facility also included a sub-limit of \$250 million for the issuance of letters of credit. As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, \$153 \$130 million letters of credit were issued to support ordinary course marketing, insurance, regulatory and other matters. As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, we had \$477 \$470 million of availability on our Revolving Credit Facility after taking into account the \$153 a draw of \$30 million and \$130 million in letters of credit outstanding. The borrowing base is redetermined semi-annually and the next determination will be on or about October 1, 2024.

In February 2024, in connection with the Aera Merger, Agreement in February 2024, we entered into a second amendment to our Revolving Credit Facility to, among other things, permit the incurrence of indebtedness under a bridge loan facility. We did not utilize a bridge loan facility in connection with the Bridge Loan Facility. Aera Merger and wrote-off \$6 million of bridge loan and commitment fees during the three months ended June 30, 2024 included in other non-operating (loss) income on our condensed consolidated statement of operations.

In March 2024, we entered into the a third amendment to our Revolving Credit Facility. The This amendment facilitated certain matters with respect to the Aera Merger, including the postponement of the regular spring borrowing base redetermination until the fall of 2024 and certain other amendments.

In March 2024, On July 1, 2024, we obtained commitments from our existing lenders and certain new lenders entered into a fourth amendment to amend our Revolving Credit Facility upon the closing of the Aera Merger. These commitments include increasing our borrowing base from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, increasing Facility. This amendment increased the aggregate commitment amount revolving commitments available under the Revolving Credit Facility from \$630 million \$630 million to \$1.1 billion and other matters. These commitments are subject to certain conditions prior to becoming effective, including the closing of the Aera Merger.

The borrowing base is redetermined semi-annually and was reaffirmed at \$1.2 billion on October 30, 2023 \$1.1 billion. The regular spring borrowing base redetermination for 2024 was postponed until the fall of 2024. The borrowing base takes into account the estimated value of our proved reserves, total indebtedness and other relevant factors consistent with customary reserves-based lending criteria. The amount we are able to borrow under our Revolving Credit Facility is limited to the amount of these commitments. This amendment also increased the commitment described above. borrowing base from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, among other matters.

For a discussion of the Aera Merger, see Note 13 Subsequent Events.

## 2029 Senior Notes

On June 5, 2024, we completed an offering of \$600 million in aggregate principal amount of 8.25% senior notes due 2029 (2029 Senior Notes). The terms of the 2029 Senior Notes are governed by the Indenture, dated as of June 5, 2024, by and among us, the guarantors and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (2029 Senior Notes Indenture). The net proceeds of \$590 million, after \$10 million of debt discount and issuance costs, were used along with available cash to repay all of Aera's outstanding debt at closing of the Aera Merger. See Note 13 Subsequent Events for more information on the closing of the Aera Merger.

**Security** – Our 2029 Senior Notes are general unsecured obligations which are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of our existing subsidiaries that guarantee our obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility and our existing 2026 Senior Notes.

**Redemption** – We may redeem the 2029 Senior Notes at any time on or after June 15, 2026 at the redemption prices of (i) 104.125% during the twelve-month period beginning on June 15, 2026, (ii) 102.063% during the twelve-month period beginning on June 15, 2027 and (iii) 100% after June 15, 2028 and before the maturity date. Prior to June 15, 2026, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2029 Senior Notes with an amount of cash not greater than the net cash proceeds from certain equity offerings at the redemption price of 108.250%. In addition, before June 15, 2026, we may redeem some or all of the 2029 Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2029 Senior Notes redeemed,

plus the applicable premium as specified in the 2029 Senior Notes Indenture and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. In addition, our 2029 Senior Notes were subject to a special mandatory redemption in certain circumstances if the Aera Merger did not close. As of June 30, 2024, it was not probable that this redemption feature would be triggered and it is no longer effective.

**Other Covenants** – Our 2029 Senior Notes include covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness, issue preferred stock, grant liens, make asset sales and investments, repay existing indebtedness, make subsidiary distributions, and enter into transactions that would result in fundamental changes.

**Events of Default and Change of Control** – Our 2029 Senior Notes provide for certain triggering events, including upon a change of control, as defined in the indenture, that would require us to repurchase all or any part of the 2029 Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest.

## Fair Value

We estimate that the fair value of our variable rate debt approximates its carrying value because the interest rate approximates current market rates. As shown in the table below, we estimate fair value of our fixed rate Senior Notes based on known prices from market transactions (using Level 1 inputs on the fair value hierarchy).

	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
	(in millions)	
Variable rate debt	\$ 30	\$ —
Fixed rate debt		
2026 Senior Notes	547	554
2029 Senior Notes	612	—
<b>Fair Value of Long-Term Debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,189</b>	<b>\$ 554</b>

## Other

As of **March 31, 2024** June 30, 2024, we were in compliance with all financial and other debt covenants under our Revolving Credit Facility, 2026 Senior Notes and 2029 Senior Notes. For more information on our 2026 Senior Notes, see *Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 4 Debt* in our 2023 Annual Report.

## Fair Value

The fair value of our fixed-rate debt at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 was approximately \$549 million and \$554 million, respectively. We estimate fair value based on known prices from market transactions (using Level 1 inputs on the fair value hierarchy).

## NOTE 54 LAWSUITS, CLAIMS, COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We are involved, in the normal course of business, in lawsuits, environmental and other claims, and other contingencies that seek, among other things, compensation for alleged personal injury, breach of contract, property damage or other losses, punitive damages, civil penalties or injunctive or declaratory relief.

We accrue reserves for currently outstanding lawsuits, claims and proceedings when we determine it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the liability can be reasonably estimated. Reserve balances for these items at **March 31, 2024** June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 were not material to our condensed consolidated balance sheets as of such dates. We also evaluate the amount of reasonably possible losses that we could incur as a result of these matters. We believe that reasonably possible losses that we could incur in excess of reserves cannot be accurately determined.

In October 2020, Signal Hill Services, Inc. defaulted on its decommissioning obligations associated with two offshore platforms. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) determined that former lessees, including our former parent, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Oxy) with a 37.5% share, are responsible for accrued decommissioning obligations associated with these offshore platforms. Oxy sold its interest in the platforms approximately 30 years ago and it is our understanding that Oxy has not had any connection to the operations since that time and was challenging BSEE's

order. Oxy notified us of the claim under the indemnification provisions of the Separation and Distribution Agreement between us and Oxy. In September 2021, we accepted the indemnification claim from Oxy and are challenging the order from BSEE. In March 2024, we entered into a cost sharing agreement with former lessees to share in ongoing maintenance costs during the pendency of the challenge to the BSEE order. We estimate our ongoing share of maintenance costs for the platforms could approximate be approximately \$5 million to \$8 million per year. Due to the preliminary stage of the process, no cost estimates to abandon the offshore platforms have been determined.

NOTE 5 DERIVATIVES

We continue to maintain a commodity hedging program primarily focused on crude oil to help protect our cash flows, margins and capital program from the volatility of commodity prices. We also enter into natural gas swaps for the purpose of hedging our fuel consumption at one of our steamfloods as well as swaps for natural gas purchases and sales related to our marketing activities. We did not have any derivative instruments designated as accounting hedges as of and for the three and six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and 2023. Unless otherwise indicated, we use the term "hedge" to describe derivative instruments that are designed to implement our hedging strategy.

Summary of Derivative Contracts

We held the following Brent-based contracts as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024:

	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	1H 2025	2H 2025
	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	2H 2025

Sold Calls

Barrels per day
Barrels per day
Barrels per day

Weighted-average price per barrel

Purchased Puts

Purchased Puts

Purchased Puts

Barrels per day
Barrels per day
Barrels per day

Weighted-average price per barrel

Swaps

Swaps

Swaps

Barrels per day
Barrels per day
Barrels per day

Weighted-average price per barrel

The outcomes of the derivative positions are as follows:

- Sold calls – we make settlement payments for prices above the indicated weighted-average price per barrel.
- Purchased puts – we receive settlement payments for prices below the indicated weighted-average price per barrel.
- Swaps – we make settlement payments for prices above the indicated weighted-average price per barrel and receive settlement payments for prices below the indicated weighted-average price per barrel.

At March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, we also held the following swaps to hedge purchased natural gas used in our operations as shown in the table below.

		Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
	Q3 2024			
	Q3 2024			
	Q3 2024		Q4 2024	

Swaps:

MMBtu per day
MMBtu per day
MMBtu per day
Weighted-average price per MMBtu

We also have a limited number of derivative contracts related to our natural gas marketing activities that are intended to lock in locational price spreads. These derivative contracts are not significant to our results of operations or financial statements taken as a whole.

### Fair Value of Derivatives

Derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments are required to be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. We report gains and losses on our derivative contracts which hedge commodity price risk related to our oil production and our marketing activities in operating revenue on our consolidated statements of operations as shown in the table below:

	Three months ended March 31,						
	Three months ended June 30,			Six months ended June 30,			
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
(in millions)			(in millions)				
Non-cash commodity derivative (loss) gain							
Non-cash commodity derivative (loss) gain							
Non-cash commodity derivative (loss) gain							
Non-cash commodity derivative gain (loss)							
Settlements and premiums							
Settlements and premiums							
Settlements and premiums							
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives							
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives							
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives							
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives							
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives							
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives							

We report gains and losses on our derivative contracts for purchased natural gas used to generate steam for our steamflood operations as a component of operating expense on our consolidated statement of operations. For the three and six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, we recognized a net loss of \$1 million \$1 million (which includes a non-cash gain of \$1 million \$3 million and \$2 million \$4 million of settlement payments) and a net loss of \$2 million (which includes a non-cash gain of \$4 million and \$6 million of settlement payments) in other operating expenses, net on our consolidated statement of operations. We did not have derivative contracts related to purchased natural gas for our marketing activities during the three and six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023.

Our derivative contracts are measured at fair value using industry-standard models with various inputs, including quoted forward prices, and are classified as Level 2 in the required fair value hierarchy for the periods presented.

The following tables present the fair values of our outstanding commodity derivatives as of **March 31, 2024**, **June 30, 2024** and December 31, 2023:

March 31, 2024					June 30, 2024			
Classification	Classification	Gross Amounts at Fair Value	Netting	Net Fair Value	Classification	Gross Amounts at Fair Value	Netting	Net Fair Value
(in millions)								
Other current assets, net								
Other noncurrent assets								
Current liabilities								
Current liabilities								
Current liabilities								
Noncurrent liabilities								
		—						
		\$						
		=						

December 31, 2023			
Classification	Gross Amounts at Fair Value	Netting	Net Fair Value
(in millions)			
Other current assets, net	\$ 39	\$ (18)	\$ 21
Other noncurrent assets	38	(32)	6
Current liabilities	(26)	18	(8)
Noncurrent liabilities	(34)	32	(2)
	<u>\$ 17</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>

## NOTE 76 INCOME TAXES

The following table presents the components of our total income tax provision:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
	(in millions)	
(Loss) income before income taxes	\$ (19)	\$ 376
Current income tax provision	—	28
Deferred income tax (benefit) provision	(9)	47
Total income tax (benefit) provision	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023



	(in millions)		(in millions)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 11	\$ 135	\$ (8)	\$ 511
Current income tax provision	—	29	—	57
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	3	9	(6)	56
Total income tax provision (benefit)	\$ 3	\$ 38	\$ (6)	\$ 113

Our income tax provision or benefit for interim periods is determined by applying an estimated annual effective tax rate to (loss) income before income taxes with the result adjusted for discrete items, if any, in the relevant period. A reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory tax rate to effective tax rate, including discrete items, for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023 is shown below:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
U.S. federal statutory tax rate	21 %	21 %
State income taxes, net	7	7
Other	3	—
Annual effective tax rate	31 %	28 %
Discrete items:		
Stock compensation and other	16	—
Change in the valuation allowance	—	(8)
Effective tax rate	47 %	20 %

Our annual effective tax rate of 31% 27% differed from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 21% for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 primarily due to state taxes and disallowed executive compensation expense. During taxes. Our annual effective tax rate of 75% differed from the three U.S. federal statutory rate of 21% for the six months ended March 31, 2024, we recognized an income tax benefit related June 30, 2024 primarily due to the settlement of certain equity-settled stock-based compensation awards in the first quarter of 2024 at a share price which have exceeded the grant date value used to recognize compensation expense for financial accounting. This difference resulted in a tax benefit and had the effect of increasing our effective tax rate by 16% for the six months ended June 30, 2024.

Our annual effective tax rate of 28% differed from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate of 21% for the three and six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023 primarily due to state taxes. During the three six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023 we recognized a tax benefit for the release of a valuation allowance, which was recorded recognized in 2022 related to a capital loss generated from the divestiture of oil and gas assets, 2022. See Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 7 Income Taxes in our 2023 Annual Report for additional information.

Management expects to realize the recorded deferred tax assets primarily through future income and reversal of taxable temporary differences. Realization of our existing deferred tax assets is not assured and depends on a number of factors including our ability to generate sufficient taxable income in future periods.

## NOTE 8 7 DIVESTITURES, ACQUISITIONS AND ACQUISITIONS ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

### Divestitures

#### Fort Apache in Huntington Beach

In March 2024, we sold our 0.9-acre Fort Apache real estate property in Huntington Beach, California for a purchase price of \$10 million and recognized a \$6 million gain.

#### Other

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, we sold non-core assets recognizing a \$1 million gain. During the six months ended June 30, 2023, we sold a non-producing asset in exchange for the assumption of liabilities, recognizing a \$7 million gain related to the liability reduction.

### Acquisitions

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, we acquired land for our carbon management business for approximately \$6 million. In the three and six months ended June 30, 2023, we acquired land for our carbon management business for approximately \$1 million.

### Assets Held for Sale

#### Ventura Basin Transactions

During 2021 and 2022, we entered into transactions to sell our Ventura basin assets. The transaction contemplates multiple closings that are subject to customary closing conditions. The closing transfer of the sale of our remaining assets in the Ventura basin is subject to final approval from was approved in June 2024 by the State Lands Commission, which we Commission. We expect could occur to close on the sale of these assets in the second half of 2024. These remaining assets, consisting of property, plant and equipment and associated asset retirement obligations, are classified as held for sale on our condensed consolidated balance sheets at March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023. See Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 8 Divestitures and Acquisitions in our 2023 Annual Report for additional information on the Ventura basin transactions.

#### Other

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, we sold a non-producing asset in exchange for the assumption of liabilities, recognizing a \$7 million gain related to the liability reduction.

### Acquisitions

In 2022, we acquired properties for carbon management activities for approximately \$17 million. We intend million, with the intent to divest a portion of these assets and assets. We recorded these assets at fair value recognizing an impairment of \$3 million in the first quarter of 2023. The fair value, using Level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy, declined during the first quarter of 2023 due to market conditions (including inflation and rising interest rates). The assets being divested are classified as held for sale as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 on our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

## NOTE 9 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

### Share Repurchase Program

Our Board of Directors has authorized a Share Repurchase Program to acquire up to \$1.35 billion \$1.35 billion of our common stock through December 31, 2025. The repurchases may be effected from time-to-time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, Rule 10b5-1 plans, accelerated stock repurchases, derivative contracts or otherwise in compliance with Rule 10b-18, subject to market conditions. The Share Repurchase Program does not obligate us to repurchase any dollar amount or number of shares and our Board of Directors may modify, suspend or discontinue authorization of the program at any time. The following is a summary of our share repurchases, which is are held as treasury stock, for the periods presented:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Total Value of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share
	(number of shares)	(in millions)	(\$ per share)
Three months ended March 31, 2023	1,423,764	\$ 59	\$ 41.25
Three months ended March 31, 2024	1,065,764	\$ 58	\$ 53.26
Inception of Program (May 2021) through March 31, 2024	15,929,679	\$ 662	\$ 41.39

Total Number of Shares Purchased	Total Value of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share
(number of shares)	(in millions)	(\$ per share)

Three months ended June 30, 2023	1,618,746	\$	64	\$	39.12
Three months ended June 30, 2024	703,839	\$	35	\$	49.71
Six months ended June 30, 2023	3,042,510	\$	123	\$	40.12
Six months ended June 30, 2024	1,769,603	\$	93	\$	51.85
Inception of Program (May 2021) through June 30, 2024	16,633,518	\$	697	\$	41.74

Note: The total value of shares purchased includes approximately \$1 million \$1 million in both the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and 2023 related to excise taxes on share repurchases, which was effective beginning on January 1, 2023. Commissions paid on share repurchases were not significant in all periods presented.

## Dividends

Our Board of Directors declared the following cash dividends for each of the periods presented.

	Total Dividend (in millions)	Total Dividend (in millions)	Rate Per Share (\$ per share)	Total Dividend (in millions)	Rate Per Share (\$ per share)
<b>2024</b>					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
<b>2023</b>					
<b>2023</b>					
<b>2023</b>					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended June 30, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					

In addition to dividends on our common stock shown in the table above, we paid \$4\$4 million on equity-settled stock-based compensation awards in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024. Future cash dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, are subject to final determination by our Board of Directors each quarter after reviewing our financial performance and position. See Note 14 13 Subsequent Events for information on future cash dividends.

## Warrants

In October 2020, we reserved an aggregate 4,384,182 shares of our common stock for warrants, which are exercisable at \$36 per share through October 26, 2024. October 2024.



Warrants
Warrants
Warrants
Restricted stock units
Restricted stock units
Restricted stock units
Performance stock units
Performance stock units
Performance stock units
<b>Denominator for Diluted EPS</b>
<b>Denominator for Diluted EPS</b>
<b>Denominator for Diluted EPS</b>
Weighted-average shares
Weighted-average shares
Weighted-average shares
<b>EPS</b>
<b>EPS</b>
<b>EPS</b>
Basic
Basic
Basic
Diluted
Diluted
Diluted

The following table presents potentially dilutive weighted-average common shares which were excluded from the denominator for diluted EPS in periods of losses:				
		Three months ended March 31,		
		Three months ended March 31,		
		Three months ended March 31,		
		Three months ended		Six months ended
		June 30,		June 30,
	2024	2024	2023	2024
	2024			2023
	2024			
(in millions)				
(in millions)				
(in millions)				
Shares issuable upon exercise of warrants				
Shares issuable upon exercise of warrants				
Shares issuable upon exercise of warrants				
Shares issuable upon settlement of RSUs				
Shares issuable upon settlement of RSUs				
Shares issuable upon settlement of RSUs				
Shares issuable upon settlement of PSUs				
Shares issuable upon settlement of PSUs				
Shares issuable upon settlement of PSUs				

Total antidilutive shares
Total antidilutive shares
Total antidilutive shares

NOTE 1110 SUPPLEMENTAL ACCOUNT BALANCES

**Restricted cash** — Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024 included an insignificant amount that was restricted under oil and natural gas liens in favor of one of our suppliers. We had no restricted cash at December 31, 2023.

**Revenues** — We derive most of our revenue from sales of oil, natural gas and NGLs, with the remaining revenue primarily generated from sales of electricity and marketing activities related to storage and managing excess pipeline capacity.

The following table provides disaggregated revenue for sales of produced oil, natural gas and NGLs to customers:

	Three months ended March 31,	Three months ended March 31,	Three months ended March 31,		
	Three months ended June 30,	Three months ended June 30,	Three months ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023
	2024				
	2024				
	(in millions)				
	(in millions)				
	(in millions)				
Oil					
Natural gas					
Natural gas					
Natural gas					
NGLs					
NGLs					
NGLs					
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales					
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales					
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales					

From time-to-time, we enter into transactions for third-party production, which we report as revenue from marketing of purchased commodities on our condensed consolidated ~~statement~~ **statements** of operations. Revenues from marketing of purchased commodities primarily results from the storage or transportation of natural gas to take advantage of differences in pricing or location, or in the quality of **products** other ~~products,~~ **than natural gas**. The following table provides disaggregated revenue for sales to customers related to our marketing activities:

Three months ended March 31,
Three months ended March 31,
Three months ended March 31,

	Three months ended June 30,		Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2024		2024		2023	
	2024		2024		2023	
	2024		2024		2023	
	(in millions)		(in millions)		(in millions)	
Oil						
Natural gas						
Natural gas						
Natural gas						
NGLs						
NGLs						
NGLs						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities						

**Inventories** — Materials and supplies, which primarily consist of well equipment and tubular goods used in our oil and natural gas operations, are valued at weighted-average cost and are reviewed periodically for obsolescence. Finished goods include produced oil and NGLs in storage, which are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Inventories, by category, are as follows:

	March 31,		March 31,		December 31,	
	June 30,		June 30,		December 31,	
	June 30,		June 30,		December 31,	
	2024		2024		2023	
	(in millions)		(in millions)		(in millions)	
Materials and supplies						
Finished goods						
Inventories						

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, we recorded an impairment of excess and obsolete materials and supplies of \$13 million. The impairment related to the write-down of obsolete materials and supplies to fair value using Level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy.

March 31,		March 31,		December 31,	
June 30,		June 30,		December 31,	

	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023
	(in millions)		(in millions)		(in millions)
Net amounts due from joint interest partners <sup>(a)</sup>					
Fair value of commodity derivative contracts					
Fair value of commodity derivative contracts					
Fair value of commodity derivative contracts					
Prepaid expenses					
Greenhouse gas allowances					
Income tax receivable					
Income tax receivable					
Income tax receivable					
Other					
Other current assets, net					

(a) Included in the **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and December 31, 2023 net amounts due from joint interest partners are allowances of \$3 million.

**Other noncurrent assets** — Other noncurrent assets include the following:

	March 31,				
	March 31,				
	March 31,	December 31,			
	June 30,				
	June 30,				
	June 30,	December 31,			
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023

(in millions)

Operating lease right-of-use assets
Deferred financing costs - Revolving Credit Facility
Emission reduction credits
Prepaid power plant maintenance
Fair value of commodity derivative contracts
Deposits and other
Other noncurrent assets

**Accrued liabilities** — Accrued liabilities include the following:

	March 31,	December 31,		
	June 30,	December 31,		
	2024	2024	2023	2024
				2023

(in millions)

Employee-related costs
Taxes other than on income
Asset retirement obligations
Interest
Operating lease liability
Fair value of derivative contracts
Premiums due on commodity derivative contracts
Liability for settlement payments on commodity derivative contracts



Amounts due under production-sharing contracts
Signal Hill maintenance
Income taxes payable
Other
Other
Other
Accrued liabilities

**Other long-term liabilities** — Other long-term liabilities includes the following:

	March 31,				
	March 31,				
	March 31,	December 31,			
	June 30,				
	June 30,				
	June 30,	December 31,			
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023
	(in millions)				

Compensation-related liabilities
Postretirement benefit plan
Operating lease liability
Fair value of commodity derivative contracts
Premiums due on commodity derivative contracts
Contingent liability (related to Carbon TerraVault JV put and call rights)
Other
Other long-term liabilities

**General and administrative expenses** — The table below shows G&A expenses for our exploration and production business (including unallocated corporate overhead and other) separately from our carbon management business. The amounts shown for our carbon management business are net of amounts invoiced by us under the MSA with the Carbon TerraVault JV. See Note 3.2 Investment in Unconsolidated Subsidiary and Related Party Transactions for more information on the Carbon TerraVault JV.

	Three months ended March 31,				
	Three months ended March 31,				
	Three months ended March 31,				
	2024				
	2024				
	Three months ended June 30,	Six months ended June 30,			
	2024	2024	2023	2024	2023
	(in millions)				
	(in millions)				
	(in millions)				

Exploration and production, corporate and other
Exploration and production, corporate and other
Exploration and production, corporate and other
Carbon management business
Carbon management business
Carbon management business
Total general and administrative expenses
Total general and administrative expenses
Total general and administrative expenses

#### NOTE 12 11 SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

We made U.S. federal Supplemental disclosures to our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows, excluding leases and state income tax payments of \$22 million during the three months ended March 31, 2024. We did not make U.S. federal or state income tax payments during the three months ended March 31, 2023. ARO, are presented below:

Interest paid, net of capitalized amounts, was \$20 million and \$21 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Interest income was \$6 million and \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Non-cash investing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2023 included \$2 million related to our share of capital calls by the Carbon TerraVault JV. See Note 3 Investment in Unconsolidated Subsidiary and Related Party Transactions for more information on the Carbon TerraVault JV.

Non-cash financing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2024 included approximately \$87 million related to the issuance of shares for our stock-based compensation awards. Non-cash financing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2024 also included approximately \$1 million related to dividend equivalents accrued for stock-based compensation awards and approximately \$1 million related to an excise tax on share repurchases. Non-cash financing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2023 included an insignificant amount, for dividend equivalents accrued for stock-based compensation awards and approximately \$1 million related to an excise tax on share repurchases.

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	(in millions)		(in millions)	
<b>Supplemental Cash Flow Information</b>				
Interest paid, net of amount capitalized	\$ (1)	\$ 1	\$ 19	\$ 22
Income taxes paid	\$ 4	\$ 51	\$ 26	\$ 51
Interest income	\$ 8	\$ 6	\$ 14	\$ 9
<b>Supplemental Disclosure of Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities</b>				
Contribution to the Carbon TerraVault JV	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 5	\$ 4
Issuance of shares for stock-based compensation awards	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 88	\$ 2
Dividends accrued for stock-based compensation awards	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2
Excise tax on share repurchases	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1	\$ 1

#### NOTE 13 12 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We have designated certain of our subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries under the indenture governing our 2026 Senior Notes (Senior 2026 Senior Notes Indenture) and 2029 Senior Notes (2029 Senior Notes Indenture). Unrestricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the 2026 Senior Notes Indenture and 2029 Senior Notes Indenture) are subject to fewer restrictions under the Senior Notes Indenture. indentures. We are required under the 2026 Senior Notes Indenture and 2029 Senior Notes Indenture to present the financial condition and results of operations of CRC and its Restricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the 2026 Senior Notes Indenture and 2029 Senior Notes Indenture) separate from the financial condition and results of operations of its Unrestricted Subsidiaries. The following condensed consolidating balance sheets as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and the condensed

consolidating statements of operations for the three and six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2024 and 2024, 2023, as applicable, reflect the condensed consolidating financial information of our parent company, CRC (Parent), our combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries, our combined Restricted Subsidiaries and the elimination entries necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a consolidated basis. The financial information may not necessarily be indicative of the financial condition and results of operations had the Unrestricted Subsidiaries operated as independent entities.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets  
As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023

	As of March 31, 2024					As of June 30, 2024				
	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in millions)									
Total current assets										
Total property, plant and equipment, net										
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries										
Deferred tax asset										
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary										
Other assets										
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>										
Total current liabilities										
Total current liabilities										
Total current liabilities										
Long-term debt										
Asset retirement obligations										
Other long-term liabilities										
Amounts due to (from) affiliates										
Total equity										
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>										

As of December 31, 2023

	Parent		Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries		Combined Restricted Subsidiaries		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	(in millions)									
Total current assets	\$	511	\$	20	\$	398	\$	—	\$	929
Total property, plant and equipment, net		14		12		2,744		—		2,770
Investments in consolidated subsidiaries		2,311		(11)		1,347		(3,647)		—
Deferred tax asset		132		—		—		—		132
Investment in unconsolidated subsidiary		—		19		—		—		19
Other assets		12		36		100		—		148
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(3,647)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,998</b>
Total current liabilities		142		13		461		—	\$	616
Long-term debt		540		—		—		—		540
Asset retirement obligations		—		—		422		—		422
Other long-term liabilities		79		73		49		—		201
Total equity		2,219		(10)		3,657		(3,647)		2,219
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(3,647)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,998</b>

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations**  
For the three and six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and 2023

Three months ended March 31, 2024						Three months ended June 30, 2024				
Parent	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(in millions)										

Total revenues
Total operating revenues
Total costs and other
Gain on asset divestitures
Non-operating (loss) income
<b>(LOSS)</b>
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>

Non-  
operating  
income  
(loss)  
**INCOME  
(LOSS)  
BEFORE  
INCOME  
TAXES**  
Income tax  
benefit  
**NET  
(LOSS)  
INCOME**  
**NET  
INCOME  
(LOSS)**

Three months ended March 31, 2023						Three months ended June 30, 2023				
Parent	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(in millions)										

Total  
revenues  
Total  
operating  
revenues  
Total costs  
and other  
Gain on  
asset  
divestitures  
Non-operating  
(loss) income  
Non-operating  
(loss) income  
Non-  
operating  
(loss)  
income  
**(LOSS)  
INCOME  
BEFORE  
INCOME  
TAXES**  
Income tax  
provision  
**NET  
(LOSS)  
INCOME**

Six months ended June 30, 2024					
	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in millions)				
Total operating revenues	\$ 13	\$ —	\$ 971	\$ (16)	\$ 968
Total costs and other	136	28	793	(16)	941
Gain on asset divestitures	—	—	7	—	7
Non-operating (loss) income	(34)	(11)	3	—	(42)
<b>(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>(157)</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(8)</b>
Income tax provision	6	—	—	—	6
<b>NET (LOSS) INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (151)</b>	<b>\$ (39)</b>	<b>\$ 188</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (2)</b>

Six months ended June 30, 2023					
	Parent	Combined Unrestricted Subsidiaries	Combined Restricted Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in millions)				
Total operating revenues	\$ 9	\$ —	\$ 1,606	\$ —	\$ 1,615
Total costs and other	112	19	951	—	1,082
Gain on asset divestitures	—	—	7	—	7
Non-operating (loss) income	(27)	(5)	3	—	(29)
<b>(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>(24)</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>511</b>
Income tax provision	(113)	—	—	—	(113)
<b>NET (LOSS) INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (243)</b>	<b>\$ (24)</b>	<b>\$ 665</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 398</b>

## NOTE 14.13 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

### Aera Merger

On July 1, 2024, we obtained all of the ownership interests in Aera. Aera is a leading operator of mature fields in California, primarily in the San Joaquin and Ventura basins, with high oil-weighted production. In connection with the closing of the Aera Merger, we issued 21,315,707 shares of common stock to the Aera owners and paid \$990 million in connection with the extinguishment of Aera's outstanding indebtedness using the proceeds from the issuance of the 2029 Senior Notes and cash on hand. For more information on the 2029 Senior Notes and an amendment to our Revolving Credit Facility entered into at the closing of the Aera Merger, refer to *Note 3 Debt*.

As of July 1, 2024, immediately following closing of the Aera Merger, our existing stockholders prior to the Aera Merger owned approximately 76% of CRC and the previous owners of Aera owned approximately 24% of CRC.

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2024, we recognized \$13 million and \$26 million, respectively, of transaction and integration costs related to the Aera Merger which are included in other operating expenses, net on our condensed consolidated statement of operations. In July 2024, we recognized additional transaction costs of \$27 million which were conditioned upon closing.

We expect the Aera Merger to be accounted for as a business combination using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (ASC 805). Due to the proximity of the acquisition date to the filing of the Quarterly Report on

Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2024, the initial accounting for the Aera Merger is incomplete, and therefore we are unable to disclose certain information required by ASC 805, including the provisional amounts recognized as of the acquisition date for fair value of consideration transferred, each major class of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, and goodwill, if any, due to the ongoing status of the valuation.

## Dividend

On May 7, 2024 August 2, 2024, our Board of Directors increased the cash dividend policy to anticipate a total annual dividend of \$1.55, payable to shareholders in quarterly increments of \$0.3875 per share of common stock. The actual declaration of future cash dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, is subject to final determination by our Board of Directors each quarter after reviewing our financial performance and position.

On August 5, 2024, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.31\$0.3875 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 31, 2024August 30, 2024 and is expected to be paid on June 14, 2024September 16, 2024.

## Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### General

We are an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production energy and carbon management company operating properties exclusively within California, committed to energy transition. We are committed to energy transition and have some of the lowest carbon intensity production in the United States, environmental stewardship while safely providing local, responsibly sourced energy. We are in also focused on maximizing the early stages value of permitting several our land, mineral ownership, and energy expertise for decarbonization by developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects in California. Our carbon management business, which we refer to as Carbon TerraVault, is expected to build, install, operate and maintain CO<sub>2</sub> capture equipment, transportation assets and storage facilities in California. In August 2022, we entered into a joint venture with BGTF Sierra Aggregator LLC (Brookfield) to pursue carbon management and storage activities (Carbon TerraVault JV). For more information about the risks involved in our carbon capture projects, see Part I, Item 1A – Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 (2023 Annual Report) and for more information on the Carbon TerraVault JV, see Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 3 Investment in Unconsolidated Subsidiary and Related Party Transactions.other emissions-reducing projects.

Except when the context otherwise requires or where otherwise indicated, all references to "CRC," the "Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to California Resources Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. subsidiaries as of the date presented.

### Pending Aera Merger

On February 7, 2024 July 1, 2024, we entered into a closed on the transactions contemplated by the definitive agreement and plan of merger (Merger Agreement) to combine with obtain all of the ownership interests in Aera Energy, LLC (Aera) in an all-stock transaction (Aera Merger) with an effective date of January 1, 2024 (Aera Merger). Aera is a leading operator of mature fields in California, primarily in the San Joaquin and Ventura basins, with high oil-weighted production.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, we have agreed to issue 21,170,357 shares of common stock (subject to customary adjustments in the event of stock splits, dividend paid in stock and similar items) plus an additional number of shares determined by reference to the dividends declared by us having a record date between the effective date and closing as more fully described in the Merger Agreement. Upon closing, Aera's \$950 million outstanding long-term debt will become due as a result of a change in control provision within their legacy debt agreement. We expect to repay a significant portion of this indebtedness with cash on hand and borrowings under our Revolving Credit Facility. We intend to refinance the balance through one or more debt capital markets transactions and, only to the extent necessary, borrowings under a bridge loan facility provided by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. (the Bank). Under the terms of our debt commitment letter in connection with the Bank, it has committed, subject to satisfaction of customary conditions, to provide us with an unsecured 364-day bridge loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$500 million (Bridge Loan Facility).

Closing of the Aera Merger is subject to certain conditions, including, among others, approval of the stock issuance by our stockholders, expiration of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (HSR Act), prior authorization by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and other customary closing conditions. The required waiting period under the HSR Act expired on March 25, 2024.

Upon completion of the transaction, we currently expect our existing stockholders to own approximately 77% of the combined company and the existing Aera owners to own approximately 23% of the combined company, on a fully diluted basis. The Aera Merger is expected to close around mid-year 2024. Post closing of the Aera Merger, we issued 21,315,707 shares of common stock to the Aera owners and subject paid \$990 million in connection with the

extinguishment of Aera's outstanding indebtedness using the proceeds from the issuance of the 2029 Senior Notes and cash on hand. For more information on the 2029 Senior Notes, refer to Board approval, we expectPart I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 3 Debt.

As of July 1, 2024, immediately following closing of the Aera Merger, our existing stockholders prior to increase our quarterly dividend. the Aera Merger owned approximately 76% of CRC and the previous owners of Aera owned approximately 24% of CRC.

In the three and six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, we incurred \$13 million recognized \$13 million and \$26 million, respectively, of transaction and integration costs related to the Aera Merger which are included in other operating expenses, net on our condensed consolidated statement of operations. We also incurred \$8 million In July 2024, we recognized additional transaction costs of \$27 million which were conditioned upon closing.

Recent Debt Transactions

2029 Senior Notes

On June 5, 2024, we completed an offering of \$600 million in financing fees, which is included in other current assets, net on our condensed consolidated balance sheet aggregate principal amount of 8.25% senior notes due 2029 (2029 Senior Notes). The terms of the 2029 Senior Notes are governed by the Indenture, dated as of March 31, 2024 June 5, 2024, by and among us, the guarantors and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (2029 Senior Notes Indenture). The net proceeds of \$590 million, after \$10 million of debt discount and issuance costs, were used along with available cash to repay all of Aera's outstanding debt at closing of the Aera Merger. For more information on the 2029 Senior Notes, refer to Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 3 Debt.

Fourth Amendment to the Revolving Credit Facility

On July 1, 2024, we entered into a fourth amendment to our Revolving Credit Facility. This amendment increased the aggregate revolving commitments available under the Revolving Credit Facility from \$630 million to \$1.1 billion. Our ability to borrow under our Revolving Credit Facility is limited to the amount of these commitments. This amendment also increased the borrowing base from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, among other matters.

Business Environment and Industry Outlook

Commodity Prices

Our operating results, and those of the oil and natural gas industry as a whole, are heavily influenced by commodity prices. Oil and natural gas prices and differentials may fluctuate significantly as a result of numerous market-related variables. These and other factors make it impossible to predict realized prices reliably. We may respond to economic conditions by adjusting the amount and allocation of our capital program while continuing to identify efficiencies and cost savings. Volatility in oil prices may materially affect the quantities of oil and natural gas reserves we can economically produce over the longer term. Refer to Prices and Realizations below for information on our realized prices.

The following table presents the average daily benchmark prices for oil and natural gas during the periods presented:

	Three months ended	Three months ended	Six months ended
	Three months ended		
	Three months ended		
	March 31, 2024		
	March 31, 2024		
	March 31, 2024		
Brent oil (\$/Bbl)			
Brent oil (\$/Bbl)			
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
			June 30, 2023
Brent oil (\$/Bbl)			
WTI oil (\$/Bbl)			
WTI oil (\$/Bbl)			
WTI oil (\$/Bbl)			
NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) Average Monthly Settled Price			



NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) Average Monthly Settled Price

NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) Average Monthly Settled Price

## Regulatory Updates

### **Setbacks and Senate Bill No. 1137**

California Senate Bill No. 1137 establishes 3,200 feet as the minimum distance between new oil and natural gas production wells and certain sensitive receptors such as homes, schools and businesses open to the public and separately imposing a number of potential impact analysis and mitigation and reporting requirements. The implementation of Senate Bill No. 1137 was stayed pending the outcome of a voter referendum to repeal the bill on the November 2024 ballot. However, this referendum was withdrawn on June 27, 2024 and the requirements of Senate Bill No. 1137 are no longer stayed.

The majority of our production is in rural areas in the San Joaquin basin and is not affected by Senate Bill No. 1137. In addition to the write-down of reserves previously recorded in 2023, we continue to evaluate the location of projects near setback zones and believe any further reductions to the net present value of our proved undeveloped reserves as a result of the withdrawal of the voter referendum and the implementation of Senate Bill No. 1137 would be less than \$14 million based on 2023 SEC prices (with an insignificant impact on our overall proved reserves).

### **Well Permits Permitting Status**

CalGEM remains in the process of developing standard operating procedures for reviewing well permit applications that it commenced in the second half of 2023. Significant permitting delays continue pending CalGEM's completion of this process. An increase in permits approvals for workovers has continued through in the course of the first quarter half of 2024, and substantially increased in April 2024. As of May 6, 2024 June 30, 2024, we have received 73 364 permits for workovers (including permits received by Aera) since the beginning of the year. As In July 2024, following discussions with CalGEM and further internal review of May 6, 2024, our development portfolio, we have also received 8 relinquished eight permits for deepening that we had received in April and 1 permit for May 2024.

In May and June 2024, CalGEM issued a sidetrack for wells in our Wilmington field. With only a few exceptions, there continues number of new well permits to be no new drill permits issued other operators in the state.

### **These permits were issued outside of Kern County EIR Litigation**

On March 7, 2024, the California Court of Appeals, Fifth Appellate District (Court of Appeals), issued its ruling or in reliance on the six challenges to Kern County's Supplemental Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (SREIR) for Kern County Zoning Ordinance G-8992 (Ordinance). In its disposition, the Court of Appeals ordered the Trial Court to enter a modified judgement and fourth preemptory writ directing Kern County (i) to set aside approval of the Ordinance, SREIR and related findings of facts and statements of overriding considerations; and (ii) not to present a revised Ordinance for approval until Kern County has (a) prepared a revised SREIR that corrects CEQA violations relating to the (1) rejection of agricultural conservation easements as a form of partial mitigation for the conversion of agricultural land, (2) assessment of cancer risks associated with the drilling of multiple wells near sensitive receptors and (3) an environmental impact analysis of water supply impacts; and (b) circulated the revised SREIR for public review and comment, prepared responses to comments, and certified the revised SREIR.

On March 22, 2024, Kern County released a notice of preparation of the Second Supplemental Revised Environmental Impact Report (SSREIR). We expect that Kern County will prepare a draft SSREIR, circulate it for public comments and thereafter certify the SSREIR and approve the Ordinance. After that, the Trial Court would then consider whether to lift the stay. If that occurs, well permitting could resume assuming no further challenges to the SSREIR.

As a result of the ruling of the Court of Appeals in other than the Kern County EIR litigation and current lack to comply with CEQA. We are pursuing a similar strategy of seeking conditional use permits with respect to our Elk Hills, Buena Vista and Kern Front fields that would allow us to comply with CEQA requirements separate from the Kern County properties, EIR. However, our ability to obtain these conditional use permits is uncertain and we currently plan to operate one drilling rig within Kern County may not be successful in 2024. We have sufficient obtaining such permits in hand a timely manner or at all.

Following the withdrawal of the voter referendum regarding Senate Bill 1137 discussed above, CalGEM returned to keep operators all pending permit applications to be resubmitted with the information required under that rig active through law. CRC and Aera resubmitted substantially all permit applications in accordance with the end requirements of 2025. this law, excluding permit applications for approximately 150 workovers and approximately 40 deepening and sidetracks located in setback zones. The resubmission of these permit applications may result in further delays with CalGEM, including with respect to permit applications for wells not located in setback zones.

### **CCS Project Permitting Status**

In December 2023, On June 4, 2024, Kern County released a draft EIR prepared Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report (DREIR) in connection with our application for conditional use permits for our CTV I CCS project. The As expected, the public comment period closed on July 18, 2024 and the project was originally is scheduled to be considered for consideration by the Kern County Planning Commission on March 28th; however, based on comments received the Planning Commission required further environmental review before it can consider the project and the draft EIR. The Planning Commission recommended that the consideration of applicable changes to the zoning ordinance and certification of the EIR be continued to the August 22, 2024 Planning Commission hearing, , at which time the Planning Commission will decide whether to recommend the adoption of the changes to the zoning ordinance and certification of the EIR DREIR to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors meeting is expected scheduled to occur in or around September or October. meet to consider this matter later this year.

Low Carbon Fuel Standard Water Injection

On February 14, 2024, Our operations in the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced that it was postponing Wilmington Oil Field utilize injection wells to reinject produced water pursuant to waterflooding plans. These operations are subject to oversight by the previously scheduled March 21, 2024, public hearing regarding City of Long Beach and CalGEM. Following discussions with the proposed amendments City of Long Beach and CalGEM with respect to the LCFS Regulation released level of injection well pressure gradient needed to comply with CalGEM's requirements for the protection of underground aquifers, while at the same time mitigating subsidence risks, CalGEM provided a directive to reduce the injection well pressure in a gradual manner. In response to this directive, we were required to implement a five-year injection reduction work plan. The first phase of reduction commenced July 1, 2024, and focuses on December 19, 2023 reducing pressure gradients in the zones at higher starting pressure. We continue to evaluate the work plan with CalGEM, including any subsidence risk, and the work plan may be adjusted further in the future. Given this uncertainty, it is difficult to predict with certainty the impact to production and reserves. However, assuming no adjustments to the current work plan, we currently estimate on a preliminary basis that the net present value of our proved developed reserves would be negatively impacted by less than 1%. Due We also estimate on a preliminary basis, a negative impact on production of approximately 1 MBoe/d at the end of the 5-year work plan. These estimates are preliminary and could change materially pending the results of our year-end reserve process and technical audits.

Activism

Opposition toward oil and gas drilling and development activity has been growing over time. Companies in the oil and gas industry are often the target of efforts to continuous substantial public feedback delay or prevent oil and gas development by non-governmental organizations and individuals. This opposition also extends to our carbon management business as certain activists oppose carbon capture and sequestration efforts by the oil and gas industry. These activists use a variety of tactics that primarily rely on allegations regarding safety, environmental compliance and business practices. At both the state and federal level, these tactics include seeking changes to laws, pressuring governmental agencies to promulgate regulations or engage in rulemaking, or pursuing litigation. For example, we are currently a named real party in interest in Center for Biological Diversity v. City of Long Beach, Long Beach City Council, California State Lands Commission, et al., a lawsuit brought by an environmental non-governmental organization that seeks the shut down of the Long Beach Unit on the proposed amendments, CARB intends to release revised proposed amendments for public review basis of a purported CEQA violation by certain governmental entities. While we believe that the defendants will prevail in this matter and comment, to be followed by do not otherwise expect its disposition will result in a public hearing. The release material adverse effect on our business or operations, we cannot predict the outcome of the revised proposed amendments is pending. These revisions may impact the eligibility of certain of our CCS projects for LCFS credits. any litigation with certainty.

Results of Oil and Gas Operations

Production

The following table sets forth our average net production of oil, NGLs and natural gas per day in each of the California oil and natural gas basins in which we operated for the periods presented.

Three months ended		Three months ended		Three months ended		Six months ended	
	March 31, 2024						
	March 31, 2024						
	March 31, 2024						
	March 31, 2024						
Oil (MBbl/d)							
Oil (MBbl/d)							

	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
<b>Oil (MBbl/d)</b>				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Total				
Total				
Total				
Total				
<b>NGLs (MBbl/d)</b>				
<b>NGLs (MBbl/d)</b>				
<b>NGLs (MBbl/d)</b>				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
Total				
Total				
Total				
<b>Natural gas (MMcf/d)</b>				
<b>Natural gas (MMcf/d)</b>				
<b>Natural gas (MMcf/d)</b>				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
San Joaquin Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Los Angeles Basin				
Sacramento Basin				
Sacramento Basin				
Sacramento Basin				
Total				
Total				
Total				
<b>Total Net Production (MBoe/d)</b>				
<b>Total Net Production (MBoe/d)</b>				
<b>Total Net Production (MBoe/d)</b>				

Total daily net production for the three months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024 remained flat** compared to the three months ended **December 31, 2023 decreased** **March 31, 2024**. Total daily net production for the three months ended March 31, 2024 was negatively impacted by **7 MBoe/3 Mboe/d** predominately due to scheduled **plant** maintenance at our Elk Hills power plant. Total daily net production for the three months ended June 30, 2024 was also negatively impacted by approximately 3 Mboe/d as a result of scheduled maintenance and unplanned downtime during the first quarter of 2024. The decrease in production also reflects natural production decline as well as the divestiture of at our share of a non-operated field in December 2023, **Elk Hills**

Total daily net production decreased by 12 Mboe/d from 88 Mboe/d during the six months ended June 30, 2023 to 76 Mboe/d during the six months ended June 30, 2024 primarily due to natural production decline, downtime at our Elk Hills power plant as well as the divestiture of our share of a non-operated field in December 2023. Our PSCs, which are described below, negatively impacted our net oil production by 1 Mboe/d in the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023.

		Three months ended		Three months ended		Six months ended
		Three months ended				
		Three months ended				
		March 31, 2024				
		March 31, 2024				
		March 31, 2024				
		(MBoe/d)				
		(MBoe/d)				
		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024		June 30, 2024
						June 30, 2023
		(MBoe/d)				(MBoe/d)
Total Net Production	Total Net Production	76		76		88
Partners' share under PSC-type contracts						
Partners' share under PSC-type contracts						
Partners' share under PSC-type contracts						
Working interest and royalty holders' share						
Working interest and royalty holders' share						
Partners' share under PSCs		7		7		6
Working interest and royalty holders' share	Working interest and royalty holders' share	7	7		6	8
Changes in NGL inventory and other	Changes in NGL inventory and other	3		4		1
Changes in NGL inventory and other						
Changes in NGL inventory and other						
Total Gross Production	Total Gross Production	93		94		93
Total Gross Production						
Total Gross Production						

Our share of production and reserves from operations in the Wilmington field in the Los Angeles basin is subject to contractual arrangements similar to production-sharing contracts (PSCs) that are in effect through the economic life of the assets. The reporting of our PSC-type contracts PSCs creates a

difference between reported operating costs, which are for the full field, and reported volumes, which are only our net share, inflating the per barrel operating costs. Operating costs, excluding effects of PSC-type contracts PSCs, is a non-GAAP measure which adjusts for excess costs attributable to PSC-type contracts PSCs for the periods presented in the tables below:

	Three months ended				
	Three months ended				
	Three months ended				
	March 31, 2024				
	March 31, 2024				
	March 31, 2024				
	(in millions)				
	(in millions)				
	June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024		
	(in millions)	(in millions)	(\$ per Boe)	(in millions)	(\$ per Boe)
Operating costs <sup>(a)</sup>					
Operating costs <sup>(a)</sup>					
Operating costs <sup>(a)</sup>					
Excess costs attributable to PSC-type contracts					
Excess costs attributable to PSC-type contracts					
Excess costs attributable to PSC-type contracts					
Operating costs, excluding effects of PSC-type contracts					
Operating costs, excluding effects of PSC-type contracts					
Operating costs, excluding effects of PSC-type contracts					
Excess costs attributable to PSCs					
Operating costs, excluding effects of PSCs					

(a) Operating costs related to our exploration and production activities and are presented before elimination entries.

	Six months ended			
	June 30, 2024		June 30, 2023	
	(in millions)	(\$ per Boe)	(in millions)	(\$ per Boe)
Operating costs <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 338	\$ 24.48	\$ 440	\$ 27.71
Excess costs attributable to PSCs	(35)	(2.51)	(35)	(2.19)
Operating costs, excluding effects of PSCs	\$ 303	\$ 21.97	\$ 405	\$ 25.52

(a) Operating costs related to our exploration and production activities and are presented before elimination entries.

For further information on our production-sharing contracts, see Part I, Item 1 & 2 Business and Properties, Oil and Natural Gas Operations, Production, Price and Cost History in our 2023 Annual Report.

### Prices and Realizations

The following tables set forth the average realized prices and price realizations as a percentage of average Brent, WTI and NYMEX indexes for our oil and natural gas operations for the periods presented:

Three months ended				Three months ended
Three months ended				
Three months ended				
March 31, 2024				

		June 30, 2024			March 31, 2024				
	Price		Price		Realization		Price		Realization
	Price								
	Price								
Oil (\$ per Bbl)									
Oil (\$ per Bbl)									
Oil (\$ per Bbl)									
Brent									
Brent									
Brent									
Realized price without derivative settlements									
Realized price without derivative settlements									
Realized price without derivative settlements	\$ 83.14	98%		98%		\$80.16	98%		98%
Derivative settlements									
Derivative settlements									
Derivative settlements									
Realized price with derivative settlements									
Realized price with derivative settlements									
Realized price with derivative settlements	\$ 81.29	96%		96%		\$77.17	94%		94%
WTI									
WTI									
WTI									
Realized price without derivative settlements									
Realized price without derivative settlements									
Realized price without derivative settlements	\$ 83.14	103%		103%		\$80.16	104%		104%
Realized price with derivative settlements	Realized price with derivative settlements \$81.29	101%		101%		\$77.17	100%		100%
Realized price with derivative settlements									
Realized price with derivative settlements									
NGLs (\$ per Bbl)									
NGLs (\$ per Bbl)									
NGLs (\$ per Bbl)									
Realized price (% of Brent)									
Realized price (% of Brent)									
Realized price (% of Brent)	\$ 46.96	55%		55%		\$50.50	62%		62%

Realized price (% of WTI)	Realized price (% of WTI)	\$46.96	58%	58%	\$50.50	66%	66%
Realized price (% of WTI)							
Realized price (% of WTI)							
Natural gas							
Natural gas							
Natural gas							
NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) - Average Monthly Settled Price							
NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) - Average Monthly Settled Price							
NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) - Average Monthly Settled Price							
Realized price (\$/Mcf)							
Realized price (\$/Mcf)							
Realized price (\$/Mcf)	\$	1.78	94%	94%	\$ 3.90	174%	174%

	Six months ended			
	June 30, 2024		June 30, 2023	
	Price	Realization	Price	Realization
<b>Oil (\$ per Bbl)</b>				
Brent	\$ 83.42		\$ 80.12	
Realized price without derivative settlements	\$ 81.63	98%	\$ 77.25	96%
Derivative settlements	(2.43)		(13.90)	
Realized price with derivative settlements	<u>\$ 79.20</u>	95%	<u>\$ 63.35</u>	79%
<b>WTI</b>	\$ 78.77		\$ 74.95	
Realized price without derivative settlements	\$ 81.63	104%	\$ 77.25	103%
Realized price with derivative settlements	\$ 79.20	101%	\$ 63.35	85%
<b>NGLs (\$ per Bbl)</b>				
Realized price (% of Brent)	\$ 48.76	58%	\$ 50.88	64%
Realized price (% of WTI)	\$ 48.76	62%	\$ 50.88	68%
<b>Natural gas</b>				
NYMEX Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) - Average Monthly Settled Price	\$ 2.07		\$ 2.76	
Realized price (\$/Mcf)	\$ 2.81	136%	\$ 12.44	451%

Oil — Brent prices were relatively flat higher for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024. The slight decline increase in Brent prices is attributable to general market heightened geopolitical tensions as well as the OPEC+ decision to continue with voluntary production cuts of 2.2 million barrels per day. Brent prices were higher for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023 due to global supply and demand factors including developing concern over the strength of China's economy signaling a continuing supply deficit in 2024 given OPEC+ resolve.

NGLs — NGL prices for the three months ended March 31, 2024 increased June 30, 2024 decreased compared to the three months ended December 31, 2023 due to slightly stronger butane demand and development of alternative markets March 31, 2024 reflecting traditional seasonality between quarters for our natural gasoline. California remained a premium market NGL pricing. NGL prices for the six months ended June 30, 2024 decreased compared to other the six months ended June 30, 2023 primarily as a result of the ongoing supply and demand imbalance as a result of a generally mild North American locations. winter in 2024.

Natural Gas — Natural gas prices decreased for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024 driven by growing natural gas production nationally seasonality between quarters and a surplus an abundance of natural gas in storage both nationally as well as exiting winter. Natural gas prices decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023. In California, specifically, these results reflect record-setting prices for the period in California. 2023 versus near-record levels of gas in storage across the same period in 2024.

## Statements of Operations Analysis

The following table includes key operating data for our oil and gas operations, excluding certain corporate expenses and intercompany eliminations, for the three months ended June 30, 2024 and March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. All metrics are shown on a per Boe basis except as otherwise stated. the six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Energy operating costs consist of purchased natural gas used to generate electricity for our operations and steam for our steamfloods, purchased electricity and internal costs to generate electricity used in our operations. Gas processing costs include costs associated with compression, maintenance and other activities needed to run our gas processing facilities at Elk Hills. Non-energy operating costs equal total operating costs less energy operating costs and gas processing costs.

	Three months ended	Three months ended	Three months ended	Six months ended
	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2024	
Total net production (MBoe/d)				
Total net production (MBoe/d)				
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
	(\$ per Boe, except as otherwise stated)			
Total net production (MBoe/d)				
Total oil, natural gas and NGL sales (in millions)				
Total oil, natural gas and NGL sales (in millions)				
Total oil, natural gas and NGL sales (in millions)				
Energy operating costs				
Energy operating costs				
Energy operating costs				
Gas processing costs				
Gas processing costs				
Gas processing costs				
Non-energy operating costs				
Non-energy operating costs				
Non-energy operating costs				
Operating costs				
Operating costs				
Operating costs				
Field general and administrative expenses <sup>(a)</sup>				
Field general and administrative expenses <sup>(a)</sup>				
Field general and administrative expenses <sup>(a)</sup>				



Field depreciation, depletion and amortization<sup>(b)</sup>

Field depreciation, depletion and amortization<sup>(b)</sup>

Field depreciation, depletion and amortization<sup>(b)</sup>

Field taxes other than on income

Field taxes other than on income

Field taxes other than on income

(a) Excludes unallocated general and administrative expenses.

(b) Excludes depreciation, depletion and amortization related to our corporate assets and our Elk Hills power plant.

Energy operating costs were lower on a per Boe basis during the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2023 where March 31, 2024 as well as during the benefit six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023. The decreases between periods were predominantly a result of lower electricity and natural gas prices, was predominately partially offset by lower production volumes between periods.

Non-energy operating costs were lower on a per Boe basis during the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2024 due to less downhole maintenance activity. Non-energy operating costs were lower during the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023 due to reduced downhole maintenance and surface maintenance activity in 2024. Non-energy operating costs were higher on a per Boe basis between during the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to the three six months ended December 31, 2023 due to June 30, 2023 as a result of lower production volumes between periods. volumes.

Consolidated Results of Operations

For financial information related to our subsidiaries designated as Unrestricted Subsidiaries under the 2026 Senior Notes Indenture and 2029 Senior Notes Indenture, see Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 13 12 Condensed Consolidated Financial Information.

We closed the Aera Merger on July 1, 2024 and the Results of Operations do not contain the results of Aera for the periods presented. For more information on the Aera Merger, see Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 13 Subsequent Events.

Certain prior period balances related to NGL marketing activities have been reclassified to conform to our 2024 presentation. For the three six months ended December 31, 2023 June 30, 2023, we reclassified \$4 million \$3 million related to NGL storage activities from other revenue to revenue from marketing of purchased commodities on our condensed consolidated statement of operations. We also reclassified \$3 million of NGL processing fees from other operating expenses, net to costs related to marketing of purchased commodities.

Three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024

	Three months ended
	Three months ended
	Three months ended
	March 31, 2024
	March 31, 2024
	March 31, 2024
	June 30, 2024
	June 30, 2024
	June 30, 2024
	(in millions)
	(in millions)
	(in millions)

Oil, natural gas and NGL sales

Oil, natural gas and NGL sales
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities
Electricity sales
Electricity sales
Electricity sales
Other revenue
Other revenue
Other revenue
Total operating revenues
Total operating revenues
Total operating revenues

**Oil, natural gas and NGL sales** — Oil, natural gas and NGL sales, excluding the effects of cash settlements on our commodity derivative contracts, were \$412 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024, which is a decrease of \$17 million compared to \$429 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, which is a . The components of the decrease of \$54 million compared to \$483 million for in the three months ended December 31, 2023. This decrease was primarily due to lower production volumes and lower realized prices for the first second quarter of 2024 as are shown in the table below. The effect of cash settlements on our commodity derivative contracts is and the elimination of intercompany sales related to natural gas sold to our power plant are not included in the table below.

	Oil	NGLs	Natural Gas	Total	Oil	NGLs	Natural Gas	Total Operations
	(in millions)							
Three months ended December 31, 2023								
Three months ended March 31, 2024 <sup>(a)</sup>								
Change in realized prices								
Change in production								
Change in intercompany sales of natural gas								
Three months ended March 31, 2024								
Three months ended June 30, 2024 <sup>(b)</sup>								
Three months ended June 30, 2024 <sup>(b)</sup>								
Three months ended June 30, 2024 <sup>(b)</sup>								

Note: See *Production* for volumes by commodity type and *Prices and Realizations* for index and realized prices for comparative periods.

- (a) Excludes a \$6 million intercompany elimination related to natural gas sold to our Elk Hills power plant.
- (b) Excludes a \$4 million intercompany elimination related to natural gas sold to our Elk Hills power plant.

**Net gain (loss) gain from commodity derivatives** — Net loss gain from commodity derivatives was \$5 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to net loss of \$71 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to net gain of \$119 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023. The net loss gain (loss) from commodity derivatives primarily resulted from changes in the fair value of our outstanding commodity derivatives from the positions held as well as the relationship between contract prices and the associated forward curves at the end of each measurement period.

Payments on commodity derivatives were \$6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$12 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to \$49 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023. Including the effect of settlement payments for commodity derivatives, the realized prices received for our oil, natural gas and NGL sales decreased by \$17 million \$11 million compared to the three months ended December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024.

	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024
(in millions)		
Non-cash commodity derivative (loss) gain		
Non-cash commodity derivative gain (loss)		
Settlements and premiums		
Settlements and premiums		
Settlements and premiums		
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives		
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives		
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives		
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives		
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives		
Net gain (loss) from commodity derivatives		

**Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities** — Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities decreased \$23 million to \$51 million in the three months ended June 30, 2024 from \$74 million in the three months ended March 31, 2024. The decrease was predominantly due to lower natural gas prices in the second quarter compared to the first quarter of 2024. Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities net of costs related to marketing of purchased commodities was \$8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$20 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

**Electricity sales** — Electricity sales decreased increased by \$27 million \$21 million to \$36 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$15 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared due to \$42 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023 due to fewer days of downtime at our Elk Hills power plant for planned maintenance and lower electricity prices in the first second quarter of 2024, 2024 and higher revenue from capacity agreements coming into the summer months.

The following table presents our consolidated operating and non-operating expenses and income for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024:

	Three months ended	
	Three months ended	Three months ended
	Three months ended	Three months ended
	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2024
	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2024
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2024
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2024
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2024
	(in millions)	(in millions)
	(in millions)	(in millions)
	(in millions)	(in millions)
Operating expenses		
Operating expenses		
Operating expenses		

Energy operating costs
Energy operating costs
Energy operating costs
Gas processing costs
Gas processing costs
Gas processing costs
Non-energy operating costs
Non-energy operating costs
Non-energy operating costs
General and administrative expenses
General and administrative expenses
General and administrative expenses
Depreciation, depletion and amortization
Depreciation, depletion and amortization
Depreciation, depletion and amortization
Asset impairment
Asset impairment
Asset impairment
Taxes other than on income
Taxes other than on income
Taxes other than on income
Exploration expense
Exploration expense
Exploration expense
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities
Electricity generation expenses
Electricity generation expenses
Electricity generation expenses
Transportation costs
Transportation costs
Transportation costs
Accretion expense
Accretion expense
Accretion expense
Carbon management business expenses
Carbon management business expenses
Carbon management business expenses
Other operating expenses, net
Other operating expenses, net
Other operating expenses, net
Total operating expenses
Total operating expenses
Total operating expenses

Gain on asset divestitures  
Gain on asset divestitures  
Gain on asset divestitures

Operating (loss) income
Operating (loss) income
Operating (loss) income
Operating income (loss)
Operating income (loss)
Operating income (loss)
<b>Non-operating (expenses) income</b>
<b>Non-operating (expenses) income</b>
<b>Non-operating (expenses) income</b>

Interest and debt expense  
Interest and debt expense  
Interest and debt expense

Loss on early extinguishment of debt
Loss on early extinguishment of debt
Loss on early extinguishment of debt

Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary  
Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary  
Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary

Other non-operating income
Other non-operating income
Other non-operating income
(Loss) income before income taxes
(Loss) income before income taxes
(Loss) income before income taxes
Income tax benefit (provision)
Income tax benefit (provision)
Income tax benefit (provision)
Net (loss) income
Net (loss) income
Net (loss) income

Other non-operating (expenses) income
Other non-operating (expenses) income
Other non-operating (expenses) income
Income (loss) before income taxes
Income (loss) before income taxes
Income (loss) before income taxes
Income tax (provision) benefit
Income tax (provision) benefit
Income tax (provision) benefit
Net income (loss)
Net income (loss)
Net income (loss)

**Energy operating costs** — Energy operating costs for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 were \$53 million, \$41 million, which was a decrease of \$12 million \$12 million from \$65 million \$53 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023 March 31, 2024. This decrease was primarily the result of lower electricity and natural gas prices in the first quarter of 2024, three months ended June 30, 2024. For more information on natural gas market prices, see *Prices and Realizations* above.

**Asset impairments** — During the three months ended June 30, 2024 we recognized a \$13 million impairment for excess and obsolete materials and supplies related to our oilfield operations. We did not recognize an asset impairment for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

**Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities** — Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities were \$43 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$54 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024. The decrease of \$11 million was primarily due to lower natural gas prices in the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2024. This decrease was partially offset by higher volumes of purchased third-party crude oil in the three months ended June 30, 2024.

**Other operating expenses, net** — Other operating expenses, net increased \$14 million to \$51 million for the three months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$37 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024. The increase was predominantly due to expenses related to transaction and integration costs related to the Aera Merger.

#### Six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to June 30, 2023

The following table presents our operating revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023:

	Six months ended	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
	(in millions)	
Oil, natural gas and NGL sales	\$ 841	\$ 1,162
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives	(66)	73
Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities	125	259
Electricity sales	51	102
Other revenue	17	19
Total operating revenues	\$ 968	\$ 1,615

**Oil, natural gas and NGL sales** — Oil, natural gas and NGL sales, excluding the effects of cash settlements on our commodity derivative contracts, were \$841 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024, which is a decrease of \$321 million compared to \$1,162 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. This decrease was primarily due to changes in realized prices as shown in the table below, including lower realized prices for natural gas and NGLs, partially offset by higher realized prices for oil. Oil, natural gas and NGL sales were also impacted by lower production volumes across all commodities. The effect of cash settlements on our commodity derivative contracts and the elimination of intercompany sales related to natural gas sold to our power plant are not included in the table below.

	Oil	NGLs	Natural Gas	Total Operations
	(in millions)			
Six months ended June 30, 2023	\$ 752	\$ 104	\$ 306	\$ 1,162
Change in realized prices	43	(4)	(237)	(198)
Change in production	(94)	(6)	(13)	(113)
Six months ended June 30, 2024 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 701	\$ 94	\$ 56	\$ 851

Note: See *Production* for volumes by commodity type and *Prices and Realizations* for index and realized prices for comparative periods.

(a) Excludes a \$10 million intercompany elimination related to natural gas sold to our Elk Hills power plant.

**Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives** — Net loss from commodity derivatives was \$66 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to a net gain of \$73 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives primarily resulted from

changes in the fair value of our outstanding commodity derivatives from the positions held as well as the relationship between contract prices and the associated forward curves at the end of each measurement period.

Payments on commodity derivatives were \$18 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to payments of \$128 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. Payments on commodity derivatives for the six months ended June 30, 2023 included settlements for hedges that were entered into at a lower commodity price due to the requirements of our Revolving Credit Facility at that time. Including the effect of settlement payments for commodity derivatives, our oil, natural gas and NGL sales decreased by \$211 million compared to the six months ended June 30, 2023.

	Six months ended	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
	(in millions)	
Non-cash commodity derivative (loss) gain	\$ (48)	\$ 201
Net cash payments on settled commodity derivatives	(18)	(128)
Net (loss) gain from commodity derivatives	\$ (66)	\$ 73

**Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities**— Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities was \$125 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024, which was a decrease of \$134 million from \$259 million during the six months ended June 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily the result of lower natural gas prices in 2024 compared to 2023. This decrease was partially offset by higher sales of purchased crude oil in 2024. Revenue from marketing of purchased commodities net of costs related to marketing of purchased commodities was \$28 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$108 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

**Electricity sales**— Electricity sales decreased by \$51 million to \$51 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to \$102 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 due to scheduled maintenance and unplanned downtime at our Elk Hills power plant in the six months ended June 30, 2024. This decrease was partially offset by higher revenues from capacity agreements due to higher prices in six months ended June 30, 2024 as compared to the prior comparative period.

The following table presents our operating and non-operating expenses and income for the six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Six months ended	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
	(in millions)	
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Energy operating costs	\$ 94	\$ 183
Gas processing costs	7	10
Non-energy operating costs	231	247
General and administrative expenses	120	136
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	106	114
Asset impairment	13	3
Taxes other than on income	77	84
Exploration expense	1	2
Purchased natural gas marketing expense	97	151
Electricity generation expenses	22	62
Transportation costs	37	33
Accretion expense	25	23
Carbon management business expenses	23	13
Other operating expenses, net	88	21
Total operating expenses	941	1,082
Gain on asset divestitures	7	7

Operating income	34	540
<b>Non-operating (expenses) income</b>		
Interest and debt expense	(30)	(28)
Loss from investment in unconsolidated subsidiary	(7)	(3)
Other non-operating income	(5)	2
(Loss) income before income taxes	(8)	511
Income tax benefit (provision)	6	(113)
Net (loss) income	\$ (2)	\$ 398

**Energy operating costs** — Energy operating costs for the six months ended June 30, 2024 were \$94 million, which was a decrease of \$89 million from \$183 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. This decrease was a result of lower natural gas prices in the six months of 2024 compared to the same prior year period. For more information on our natural gas market prices, see *Prices and Realizations* above.

**Non-energy operating costs** — Non-energy operating costs were \$231 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024, which was a decrease of \$16 million from \$247 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily due to lower downhole and surface maintenance activities combined with more favorable vendor pricing for certain items in 2024 as a result of cost savings initiatives undertaken during 2023.

**General and administrative expenses** — General and administrative (G&A) expenses were \$57 million \$120 million for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, which was a decrease of \$9 million \$16 million from \$66 million \$136 million for the three six months ended December 31, 2023 June 30, 2023. The decrease in G&A expenses was primarily attributable to a reduction in lower compensation-related expenses. G&A expenses were also lower in the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the same prior year period as a result in reduced spending on information technology infrastructure. Stock-based compensation awards are discussed further below.

#### Stock-based compensation awards

The table below shows G&A expenses for our exploration and production business (in addition to unallocated corporate overhead and other) separately from our carbon management business. The amounts shown for our carbon management business do not include expenses borne by the Carbon TerraVault JV.

	Six months ended	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
	(in millions)	
Exploration and production, corporate and other	\$ 115	\$ 130
Carbon management business	5	6
Total general and administrative expenses	\$ 120	\$ 136

**Awards** are granted under our stock-based compensation plans to executives, non-executive employees and non-employee directors that are either settled with shares of our common stock or cash. Our equity-settled awards granted to executives include performance stock units and restricted stock units that either cliff vest at the end of a two- or three-year period or vest ratably over a two- or three-year period. Our equity-settled awards granted to non-employee directors are restricted stock units that vest ratably over a three-year period. Our cash-settled awards granted to non-executive employees vest ratably over a three-year period.

Changes in our stock price introduce volatility in our results of operations because we pay half of our cash-settled awards based on our stock price performance and we adjust our obligation for unvested cash-settled awards at the end of each reporting period. Equity-settled awards are not similarly adjusted for changes in our stock price.

Stock-based compensation included in G&A expense is shown in the table below:

#### Three months ended



	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	Six months ended	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
		(in millions)
Cash-settled awards		
Stock-settled awards		
Total included in general and administrative expenses		

**Asset impairments**— Asset impairments increased \$10 million to \$13 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 from \$3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. In the six months ended June 30, 2024, our asset impairment related to the write-down of excess and obsolete materials and supplies inventory related to our oilfield operations. In the six months ended June 30, 2023, our asset impairment related to the write-down of a property to fair value when it was classified as held for sale.

**Taxes other than on income** — Taxes other than on income were \$77 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024, which was a decrease of \$7 million from \$84 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The decrease was primarily related to lower greenhouse gas expense in 2024. This decrease was partially offset by higher ad valorem taxes in the six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to the same prior year period.

**Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities** — Costs related to marketing of purchased commodities were \$54 million \$97 million for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, which was a decrease of \$54 million from \$151 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The decrease primarily related to lower natural gas prices in 2024 compared to \$42 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023. The increase of \$12 million was primarily due to higher purchases of third-party crude oil. 2023.

**Electricity generation expenses expense** — Electricity generation expenses for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 were \$8 million \$22 million, which was a decrease of \$10 million \$40 million from \$18 million \$62 million for the three months ended December 31, 2023. same prior year period. This decrease was primarily due to lower variable operating costs due to prices for natural gas as well as downtime resulting from scheduled maintenance of at our Elk Hills power plant for maintenance.

**Carbon management business expenses**— Carbon management business expenses increased by \$10 million to \$23 million for the six months ended June 30, 2024 from \$13 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The increase in the first quarter of 2024. carbon management business expenses was predominantly due to higher easement expense and compensation-related expenses.

**Other operating expenses, net** — Other operating expenses, net increased \$16 million \$67 million to \$37 million \$88 million for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to \$21 million for the three six months ended December 31, 2023 June 30, 2023. The increase was predominately due primarily related to transaction and integration costs for the Aera Merger as well as additional expenses related to electricity purchased during the scheduled ongoing maintenance at our Elk Hills power plant as well as transaction and integration costs related to the Aera Merger. plant.

**Income taxes** — The income tax benefit for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 was \$9 million \$6 million (representing an effective tax rate of 47% 75%), compared to a provision of \$79 million \$113 million (representing an effective tax rate of 30% 22%) for the three six months ended December 31, 2023 June 30, 2023. We recognized an excess tax benefit as a discrete adjustment in the first quarter of 2024 six months ended June 30, 2024 related to the settlement of certain equity-settled stock-based compensation awards. See Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 7 6 Income Taxes for additional more information on our effective tax rate.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Liquidity

Our primary sources of liquidity and capital resources are cash flows from operations, cash and cash equivalents and available borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility. We consider our low leverage and ability to control costs to be a core strength and strategic advantage, which we are focused on maintaining. Our primary uses of operating cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 were for capital investments, repurchases of our common stock and dividends.

The following table summarizes our liquidity:

March 31, June 30, 2024

	(in millions)
Cash Available cash and cash equivalents <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 403 1,030
Revolving Credit Facility:	
Borrowing capacity	630
Revolver balance drawn	(30)
Outstanding letters of credit	(153) (130)
Availability	\$ 477 470
Liquidity	\$ 880 1,500

(a) Excludes an insignificant amount of restricted cash.

At the time of the closing of the Aera Merger, we had available cash of \$1.1 billion, which included \$100 million of available cash at Aera. We used this cash to pay \$990 million in connection with the extinguishment of Aera's outstanding indebtedness, and transaction costs and financing fees for the combined entity of \$75 million, of which \$9 million was accrued as of June 30, 2024.

We amended our Revolving Credit Facility during the first quarter of 2024 which increased the aggregate commitment amount and our borrowing base as described in Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 4.3 Debt and continue to evaluate refinancing options for our 2026 Senior Notes. In March 2024, we obtained commitments from our existing lenders and certain new lenders to amend our Revolving Credit Facility upon closing of the Aera Merger. These commitments include increasing our borrowing base from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion, increasing the aggregate commitment amount from \$630 million to \$1.1 billion and other matters. These commitments are subject to certain conditions prior to becoming effective, including the closing of the Aera Merger.

We intend to undertake certain financing transactions in connection with the Aera Merger. See Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 2 Pending Aera Merger. We also intend to pursue financing options for our carbon management business that are separate from the rest of our business.

At current commodity prices and based upon our planned 2024 capital program described below, we expect to generate operating cash flow to support and invest in our core assets and preserve financial flexibility. We regularly review our financial position and evaluate whether to (i) adjust our drilling program, (ii) return available cash to shareholders through dividends or stock buybacks to the extent permitted under our Revolving Credit Facility and the indentures for our 2026 Senior Notes indenture, and our 2029 Senior Notes, (iii) repurchase reduce outstanding indebtedness, (iv) advance carbon management activities, or (v) maintain cash and cash equivalents on our balance sheet. We believe we have sufficient sources of liquidity to meet our obligations for the next twelve months.

## Cash Flow Analysis

**Cash flows from operating activities** — For the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, our operating cash flow decreased \$223 million \$234 million to \$87 million \$184 million from \$310 million \$418 million in the same period in 2023. This decrease in operating cash flow was primarily driven by lower natural gas prices in California markets during the first quarter of 2024 six months ended June 30, 2024 compared to 2023, the same prior year period. Our average natural gas prices decreased \$17.66 \$9.63 per Mcf from \$21.56 \$12.44 per MMcf in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2023 to \$3.90 \$2.81 per Mcf during the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024. Further, our natural gas production decreased by 31.27 MMcf/d from 136 MMcf/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023 to 105 109 MMcf/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, also contributing to the decrease.

While our realized oil price with derivative settlements increased by \$14.13 \$15.85 per barrel to \$77.17 \$79.20 in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 from \$63.04 \$63.35 in the same prior year period, our net oil production volumes decreased 7 MBbl/d from 55 54 MBbl/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023 to 48 47 MBbl/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024.

Our total net production volumes decreased by 13.12 MBoe/d from 89 88 MBoe/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2023 June 30, 2023 to 76 MBoe/d for the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 primarily due to scheduled plant downtime during the first quarter of 2024, natural production decline and the divestiture of our share of a non-operated field in December 2023. Our PSCs also negatively impacted our net oil production by 1 MBoe/d in the three six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 compared to the same prior year period.

**Cash flows used in investing activities** — The following table provides a comparative summary of net cash used in investing activities:

	Three months ended March 31,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	2024	2024	2023		2024	2023
(in millions)						

Capital investments
Changes in accrued capital investments
Proceeds from divestitures, net
Acquisitions
Other, net
Other, net
Other, net
Net cash used in investing activities

In March 2024, we sold our 0.9-acre Fort Apache real estate property in Huntington Beach, California. California for \$10 million. For more information on our divestiture in the three months ended March 31, 2024, see *Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 8 7 Divestitures and Acquisitions*.

**Cash flows used in financing activities** — The following table provides a comparative summary of net cash used in financing activities:

	Three months ended March 31,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	Three months ended March 31,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	Six months ended June 30,					
	2024	2024	2023		2024	2023
(in millions)						

Proceeds from Revolving Credit Facility
Proceeds from 2029 Senior Notes, net
Repurchases of common stock <sup>(a)</sup>
Repurchases of common stock <sup>(a)</sup>

Repurchases of common stock <sup>(a)</sup>
Common stock dividends
Payments on equity-settled awards
Issuance of common stock
Issuance of common stock
Issuance of common stock
Bridge loan commitment and debt amendment costs
Bridge loan commitment costs
Debt amendment costs
Debt amendment costs
Debt amendment costs
Shares cancelled for taxes
Shares cancelled for taxes
Shares cancelled for taxes
Net cash used in financing activities
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities

(a) The total value of shares purchased includes approximately \$1 million in both the **three** six months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and 2023 related to excise taxes on share repurchases, which was effective beginning on January 1, 2023. Commissions paid on share repurchases were not significant in all periods presented.

A significant number of stock-based compensation awards were settled in the first quarter of 2024. These awards were primarily granted in January 2021 following our emergence from bankruptcy. We withheld shares of common stock to satisfy the tax withholding obligations (shares cancelled for taxes). In addition to the \$21 million of dividends paid in the first quarter of 2024, we paid \$4 million of dividend equivalents accrued on these stock-based compensation awards. **For more information on the terms of our stock-based compensation awards, refer to Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 9 Stock-Based Compensation in our 2023 Annual Report.**

## 2024 Capital Program

Our capital program is dynamic in response to commodity price volatility and permit availability while focusing on oil production and maximizing our free cash flow. **Following** Our capital investment for the **Court** six months ended June 30, 2024 was \$88 million. For the combined business after completion of Appeals decision in the Kern County EIR matter, Aera Merger, we expect our 2024 capital program for the second half of 2024 to range between **\$200 million** **\$170 million** and **\$240 million** **\$210 million** under current permitting conditions. Of this amount, **\$165 million** **\$155 million** to \$185 million is related to oil and natural gas development, (including \$20 million **\$10 million** to \$25 million for maintenance at one of our gas processing facilities at our Elk Hills field), **\$20 million** to \$25 million **\$15 million** is for carbon management projects and **\$15 million** **\$5 million** to **\$30 million** **\$10 million** is for corporate and other (including \$10 million to \$15 million related to scheduled maintenance at our Elk Hills power plant). **other**. We expect to run a one rig program for the remainder of 2024 executing projects using existing permits. Refer to *Regulatory Updates* above for more **information**.

The amounts in the table below reflect components of our capital investment for the periods indicated, excluding changes in capital investment accruals:

	Three months ended March 31, 2024	
	(in millions)	
Oil and natural gas operations <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	36
Carbon management business		4
Corporate and other <sup>(b)</sup>		14
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54</b>

(a) During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we incurred an insignificant amount of costs related to planned maintenance at one of our gas processing facilities at our Elk Hills field.

(b) During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we incurred approximately \$13 million related to planned maintenance at our Elk Hills power plant. **information on permitting.**

## Derivatives

Significant changes in oil and natural gas prices may have a material impact on our liquidity. Declining commodity prices negatively affect our operating cash flow, and the inverse applies during periods of rising commodity prices. Our hedging strategy seeks to mitigate our exposure to commodity price volatility and ensure our financial strength and liquidity by protecting our cash flows. We will continue to evaluate our hedging strategy based on prevailing market prices and conditions.

Unless otherwise indicated, we use the term “hedge” to describe derivative instruments that are designed to achieve our hedging requirements and program goals, even though they are not accounted for as cash-flow or fair-value hedges. We did not have any commodity derivatives designated as accounting hedges as of and during the **three** **six** months ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024**. See *Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 6 5 Derivatives* for further information on our derivatives and a summary of our open derivative contracts as of **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024** and *Part II, Item 8 – Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, Note 4 Debt* in our 2023 Annual Report for information on the hedging requirements included in our Revolving Credit Facility.

## Dividends

On August 2, 2024, our Board of Directors increased the cash dividend policy to anticipate a total annual dividend of \$1.55, payable to shareholders in quarterly increments of \$0.3875 per share of common stock. The actual declaration of future cash dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, is subject to final determination by our Board of Directors each quarter after reviewing our financial performance and position.

On August 5, 2024, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.3875 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on August 30, 2024 and is expected to be paid on September 16, 2024.

Our Board of Directors declared the following cash dividends in each of the periods presented.

	Total Dividend (in millions)	Total Dividend (in millions)	Rate Per Share (\$ per share)	Total Dividend (in millions)	Rate Per Share (\$ per share)
<b>2024</b>					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended March 31, 2024					
Three months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
Six months ended June 30, 2024					
<b>2023</b>					
<b>2023</b>					
<b>2023</b>					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended June 30, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Three months ended March 31, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					
Six months ended June 30, 2023					

In addition to dividends declared, we paid \$4 million of dividend equivalents related to stock-based compensation awards which were settled in the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024. The declaration of future cash dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, is subject to final determination by our Board of Directors each quarter after reviewing our financial performance and position. Since the adoption of our dividend policy in 2021, we have returned \$175 million \$197 million to shareholders through dividends. For information regarding past dividends paid, see *Cash Flow Analysis, Cash Flow Used in Financing Activities* above.

### Share Repurchase Program

Our Board of Directors has authorized a Share Repurchase Program to acquire up to \$1.35 billion of our common stock through December 31, 2025. The aggregate value of shares that may yet be purchased under the Share Repurchase Program totaled \$691 million \$656 million, excluding commissions and excise taxes on repurchases, as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024. The repurchases may be effected from time-to-time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, Rule 10b5-1 plans, accelerated stock repurchases, derivative contracts or otherwise in compliance with Rule 10b-18, subject to market conditions and contractual limitations in our debt agreements. The Share Repurchase Program does not obligate us to repurchase any dollar amount or number of shares and our Board of Directors may modify, suspend or discontinue authorization of the program at any time. The following is a summary of our share repurchases, which are held as treasury stock, for the periods presented:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Total Value of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share
	(number of shares)	(in millions)	(\$ per share)
Three months ended March 31, 2023	1,423,764	\$ 59	\$ 41.25
Three months ended March 31, 2024	1,065,764	\$ 58	\$ 53.26
Inception of Program (May 2021) through March 31, 2024	15,929,679	\$ 662	\$ 41.39

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Total Value of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share
	(number of shares)	(in millions)	(\$ per share)
Three months ended June 30, 2023	1,618,746	\$ 64	\$ 39.12
Three months ended June 30, 2024	703,839	\$ 35	\$ 49.71
Six months ended June 30, 2023	3,042,510	\$ 123	\$ 40.12
Six months ended June 30, 2024	1,769,603	\$ 93	\$ 51.85
Inception of Program (May 2021) through June 30, 2024	16,633,518	\$ 697	\$ 41.74

Note: The total value of shares purchased includes approximately \$1 million \$1 million in both the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and 2023 related to excise taxes on share repurchases, which was effective beginning on January 1, 2023. Commissions paid on share repurchases were not significant in all periods presented.

### Divestitures, Acquisitions and Acquisitions Assets Held for Sale

See Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 7 Divestitures, Acquisitions and Acquisitions Assets Held for Sale for information on our transactions divestitures and acquisitions during the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and 2023.

### Lawsuits, Claims, Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved, in the normal course of business, in lawsuits, environmental and other claims and other contingencies that seek, among other things, compensation for alleged personal injury, breach of contract, property damage or other losses, punitive damages, civil penalties or injunctive or declaratory relief.

We accrue reserves for currently outstanding lawsuits, claims and proceedings when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the liability can be reasonably estimated. Reserve balances at March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 were not material to our condensed consolidated balance sheets as of such dates. We also evaluate the amount of reasonably possible losses that we could incur as a result of these matters. We believe that reasonably possible losses that we could incur in excess of reserves cannot be accurately determined.

See Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 54 Lawsuits, Claims, Commitments and Contingencies for further information.

## Critical Accounting Estimates and Significant Accounting and Disclosure Changes

There have been no changes to our critical accounting estimates, which are summarized in Part II, Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Critical Accounting Estimates of our 2023 Annual Report.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains statements that we believe to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than historical facts are forward-looking statements, and include statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, projected revenues, earnings, costs, capital expenditures and plans and objectives of management for the future. Words such as "expect," "could," "may," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "ability," "believe," "seek," "see," "will," "would," "estimate," "forecast," "target," "guidance," "outlook," "opportunity," "strategy" or similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, such statements. Additionally, the information in this report contains forward-looking statements related to the pending Aera Merger.

Although we believe the expectations and forecasts reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, they are inherently subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. No assurance can be given that such forward-looking statements will be correct or achieved or that the assumptions are accurate or will not change over time. Particular uncertainties that could cause our actual results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements include:

- fluctuations in commodity prices, including supply and demand considerations for our products and services; services, and the impact of such fluctuations on revenues and operating expenses;
- decisions as to production levels and/or pricing by OPEC or U.S. producers in future periods;
- government policy, war and political conditions and events, including the military conflicts in Israel, Ukraine and Yemen and the Red Sea;
- the ability to successfully integrate the business of Aera once the Aera merger is completed;
- the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals of the Aera merger that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the Aera merger;
- the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement;
- the possibility that the stockholders of CRC may not approve the issuance of new shares of common stock in the Aera merger;
- the ability to obtain the required debt financing pursuant to our commitment letters and, if obtained, the potential impact of additional debt on our business and the financial impacts and restrictions due to the additional debt; Aera's business;
- regulatory actions and changes that affect the oil and gas industry generally and us in particular, including (1) the availability or timing of, or conditions imposed on, permits and approvals necessary for drilling or development activities or our carbon management business, business; (2) the management of energy, water, land, greenhouse gases (GHGs) or other emissions, (3) the protection of health, safety and the environment, or (4)
  - general economic conditions and trends, including conditions in the worldwide financial, trade and credit markets;
  - production-sharing contracts' effects on production and operating costs;
  - the lack of available equipment, service or labor price inflation;
  - limitations on transportation or storage capacity and the need to shut-in wells;
  - any failure of risk management;
  - results from operations and competition in the industries in which we operate;
  - our Our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from prior or future efforts to reduce costs;
  - environmental risks and liability under federal, regional, state, provincial, tribal, local and international environmental laws and regulations (including remedial actions);
  - the creditworthiness and performance of our counterparties, including financial institutions, operating partners, CCS project participants and other parties;
  - reorganization or restructuring of our operations;
- the transportation, marketing and sale of our products;
- the impact of inflation on future expenses and changes generally in the prices of goods and services;
- changes in business strategy and our capital plan;
- lower-than-expected production or higher-than-expected production decline rates;
- changes to our estimates of reserves and related future cash flows, including changes arising from our inability to develop such reserves in a timely manner, and any inability to replace such reserves;
- the recoverability of resources and unexpected geologic conditions;



- **our** ability to claim and utilize tax credits or other incentives in connection with our CCS **projects and clean energy** projects;
- **our** ability to realize the benefits contemplated by our energy transition strategies and initiatives, including CCS projects and other renewable energy efforts;
- **our** ability to successfully identify, develop and finance carbon capture and storage projects and other renewable energy efforts, including those in connection with the Carbon TerraVault JV, and our ability to convert our CDMAAs to definitive agreements and enter into other offtake agreements;
- **our** ability to maximize the value of our carbon management business and operate it on a **stand-alone stand alone** basis;
- **our** ability to successfully develop infrastructure projects and enter into third party contracts on contemplated terms;
- uncertainty around the accounting of emissions and our ability to successfully gather and verify emissions data and other environmental impacts;
- changes to our dividend policy and share repurchase program, and our ability to declare future dividends or repurchase shares under our debt agreements;
- limitations on our financial flexibility due to existing and future debt;
- insufficient cash flow to fund our capital plan and other planned investments and return capital to shareholders;
  - changes in state, federal or international tax rates, including our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards to reduce our income tax obligations;
  - effects of hedging transactions;
  - the effect of our stock price on costs associated with incentive compensation;
  - inability to enter into desirable transactions, including joint ventures, divestitures of oil and natural gas properties and real estate, and acquisitions, and our ability to achieve any expected synergies;
  - disruptions due to earthquakes, forest fires, floods, extreme weather events or other natural occurrences, accidents, mechanical failures, power outages, transportation or storage constraints, labor difficulties, cybersecurity breaches or attacks or other catastrophic events;
  - pandemics, epidemics, outbreaks, or other public health events, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and
  - other factors discussed in *Part I, Item 1A – Risk Factors* in our 2023 Annual Report.
- changes in interest rates;
- **our** access to and the terms of credit in commercial banking and capital markets, including our ability to refinance our debt or obtain separate financing for our carbon management business;

We caution you not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements contained in this document, which speak only as of the filing date, and we undertake no obligation to update this information. This document may also contain information from third party sources. This data may involve a number of assumptions and limitations, and we have not independently verified them and do not warrant the accuracy or completeness of such third-party information.

### Item 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

For the three and six months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, there were no material changes to market risks from the information provided under Item 305 of Regulation S-K included under the caption *Part II, Item 7A – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk* in the 2023 Annual Report.

### Commodity Price Risk

Our financial results are sensitive to fluctuations in oil, NGL and natural gas prices. These commodity price changes also impact the volume changes under our PSC-type contracts. PSCs. We maintain a commodity hedging program primarily focused on hedging crude oil sales to help protect our cash flows, margins and capital program from the volatility of crude oil prices. As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, we had a net liability of \$49 million \$38 million for our commodity derivative positions which are carried at fair value. Following the closing of the Aera Merger, we expect to increase our commodity hedging program with respect to natural gas. For more information on our derivative positions as of March 31, June 30, 2024, refer to *Part I, Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 6.5 Derivatives*. We have price exposure for natural gas we purchase and use in our business. We used natural gas to generate electricity for our operations and higher natural gas prices will also result in an increase to our electricity costs.

### Counterparty Credit Risk

Our credit risk relates primarily to trade receivables and derivative financial instruments. Credit exposure for each customer is monitored for outstanding balances and current activity. Counterparty credit limits have been established based upon the financial health of our counterparties, and these limits are actively monitored. In the event counterparty credit risk is heightened, we may request collateral and accelerate payment dates. Concentration of credit risk is regularly reviewed to ensure that counterparty credit risk is adequately diversified.

As of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, the majority of our credit exposure was with investment-grade counterparties. We believe exposure to counterparty credit-related losses related to our business at March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 was not material and losses associated with counterparty credit risk have been insignificant for all periods presented.

### Interest-Rate Risk

Changes in interest rate rates may affect the amount of interest we pay on our long-term debt. We had no \$30 million of variable-rate debt outstanding as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024. Our 2026 Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 7.125% per annum. Our 2029 Senior Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 8.250% per annum.

## Item 4 Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer supervised and participated in management's evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024.

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1 Legal Proceedings

For additional information regarding legal proceedings, see *Item 1 – Financial Statements, Note 5.4 Lawsuits, Claims, Commitments and Contingencies* in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I of this Form 10-Q, *Part I, Item 2 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, Lawsuits, Claims, Commitments and Contingencies* in this Form 10-Q, and *Part I, Item 3, Legal Proceedings* in our 2023 Annual Report.

### Item 1A Risk Factors

We are subject to various risks and uncertainties in the course of our business. A discussion of such risks and uncertainties may be found under the heading *Risk Factors* in our 2023 Annual Report. **There** Except as set forth below, **there** were no material changes to those risk factors during the three months ended **March 31, 2024** June 30, 2024.

***Increases in prices for commodities used in our oil and natural gas operations may negatively affect our financial results.***

Operating and capital costs in the oil and natural gas industry are heavily influenced by commodity prices, including the prices we pay for electricity, natural gas and steel-based materials. For example, we use natural gas in our operations to generate steam for use in steamfloods. Following the closing of the Aera Merger on July 1, 2024, we expect that our consumption of natural gas will increase significantly and could exceed the amount of natural gas we produce. We also use electricity generated by our Elk Hills power plant to power our oil and gas operations in the Elk Hills field. If we are unable to generate sufficient natural gas or electricity for use in our operations, we may need to purchase these commodities from third parties. Increases in the volumes or prices of commodities used in our operations could cause increases in our operating expenses. We attempt to manage our exposure to price increases of certain commodities used in our operations, including natural gas, by entering into hedges or longer-term contracts with fixed price arrangements. However, these measures do not fully protect us from the effects of commodity price increases and we may not be able to enter into similar arrangements in the future on acceptable terms or at all.

**Item 2 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

Our Board of Directors has authorized a Share Repurchase Program to acquire up to **\$1.35 billion** \$1.35 billion of our common stock through December 31, 2025. The repurchases may be affected from time-to-time through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, Rule 10b5-1 plans, accelerated stock repurchases, derivative contracts or otherwise in compliance with Rule 10b-18, subject to market and contractual limitations in our debt agreements. The Share Repurchase Program does not obligate us to repurchase any dollar amount or number of shares and our Board of Directors may modify, suspend or discontinue authorization of the program at any time. Shares repurchased are held as treasury stock.

Our share repurchase activity for the three months ended **March 31, 2024** June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>
January 1, 2024 - January 31, 2024	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
February 1, 2024 - February 29, 2024	—	\$ —	—	—
March 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024	1,065,764	\$ 53.26	1,065,764	—
Total	1,065,764	\$ 53.26	1,065,764	\$ —

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs <sup>(a)</sup>
April 1, 2024 - April 30, 2024	273,620	\$ 54.80	273,620	\$ —
May 1, 2024 - May 31, 2024	63,471	\$ 47.25	63,471	—
June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024	366,748	\$ 46.33	366,748	—
Total	703,839	\$ 49.71	703,839	\$ —

(a) The total value of shares that may yet be purchased under the Share Repurchase Program totaled **\$691 million** \$656 million as of **March 31, 2024** June 30, 2024.

**Item 5 Other Disclosures**

***Rule 10b5-1 Trading Arrangements***

On June 6 2024, Francisco J. Leon, our Chief Executive Officer and President, entered into a 10b5-1 trading arrangement intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). The trading arrangement will be in effect from September 5, 2024 to February 28, 2025. An aggregate of

up to 35,000 shares may be sold pursuant to this trading arrangement.

On June 13, 2024, Noelle M. Repetti, our Senior Vice President and Controller, entered into a 10b5-1 trading arrangement intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). The trading arrangement will be in effect from September 12, 2024 to February 28, 2025. An aggregate of up to 18,770 shares may be sold pursuant to this trading arrangement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024 June 30, 2024, none of our no other directors or officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each term is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

## Item 6 Exhibits

- 3.1 [Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of California Resources Corporation \(filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed October 27, 2020 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 3.2 [Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of California Resources Corporation \(filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 6, 2022 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 3.3 [Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of California Resources Corporation \(filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 1, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 3.4 [Amended and Restated Bylaws of California Resources Corporation \(filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed October 27, 2020 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.1 [Indenture, dated June 5, 2024, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee \(filed as Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 5, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.2 [Supplemental Indenture to the 2026 Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2024, by and among Aera Energy LLC, a California limited liability company, Aera Energy Services Company, a Delaware corporation, Aera Federal LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Belridge Farms & Packing LLC, a California limited liability company, Green Gate San Ardo LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Terrain Technology Inc., a California corporation, Green Gate Intermediate LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources E LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources S LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources Parent LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Petra Merger Sub S, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the other guarantors party thereto, CRC and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 4.3 [Supplemental Indenture to the 2029 Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2024, by and among Aera Energy LLC, a California limited liability company, Aera Energy Services Company, a Delaware corporation, Aera Federal LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Belridge Farms & Packing LLC, a California limited liability company, Green Gate San Ardo LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Terrain Technology Inc., a California corporation, Green Gate Intermediate LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources E LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources S LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate Resources Parent LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Petra Merger Sub S, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the other guarantors party thereto, CRC and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee \(filed as Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.1 [Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 7, 2024, among California Resources Corporation and Petra Merger Sub I, LLC, Petra Merger Sub C, LLC, Petra Merger Sub O, LLC, Petra Merger Sub O2, LLC, Petra Merger Sub O3, LLC, each a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of the Company, Petra Merger Sub S, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of the Company, IKAV Impact USA Inc., a Delaware corporation, CPPIB Vedder US Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Opps Xb Aera E CTB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Opps XI Aera E CTB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Green Gate COI, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and solely for purposes of the Member Provisions \(as defined in the Merger Agreement\), IKAV Impact S.a.r.l., a Luxembourg corporation, Simlog Inc., a Delaware corporation, and IKAV Energy Inc., a Delaware corporation, CPP Investment Board Private Holdings \(6\), Inc., a Canadian corporation, OCM Opps Xb AIF Holdings \(Delaware\), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Oaktree Huntington Investment Fund II AIF \(Delaware\), L.P. – Class C, a Delaware limited partnership, OCM Opps XI AIV Holdings \(Delaware\), L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and OCM Aera E Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 9, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.2 [Second Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, entered into effective dated as of February 2, 2024 July 1, 2024, by and among California Resources Corporation, as CRC, the Borrower, guarantors party thereto, the several lenders banks, financial institution and other lending institutions from time to time parties as lenders thereto, and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent administrative agent and collateral agent \(filed as Exhibit 10.1 10.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2024 on June 28, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\).](#)
- 10.3 [T Registration Rights Amendment to Agreement, by and between CRC and the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, entered into effective Sellers, dated as of March 8, 2024 July 1, 2024, by and among California Resources Corporation, as the Borrower, the several lenders from time to time parties thereto and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent \(filed as Exhibit Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 11, 2024 on July 1, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference\) reference\).](#)

10.4	<a href="#">2024 Form Stockholder Agreement, by and between CRC and IKAV Seller, dated as of California Resources Corporation 2021 Long Term Incentive Restricted Stock Unit Award Term and Conditions July 1, 2024 (filed as Exhibit 10.2910.2 to the Registrant's Annual Current Report on Form 10-K8-K filed on February 28, 2024 July 1, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference).</a>
10.5	<a href="#">Stockholder Agreement, by and between CRC and CPP Seller, dated as of July 1, 2024 (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference).</a>
10.6*	<a href="#">2024 Form of California Resources Corporation 2021 Long Term Incentive Plan Performance Restricted Stock Unit Award Term and Conditions (filed as Exhibit 10.30 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2024 and incorporated herein by reference), for Non-Employee Directors Grant Agreement.</a>
31.1*	<a href="#">Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
31.2*	<a href="#">Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
32.1*	<a href="#">Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</a>
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in inline XBRL and contained in Exhibits 101).

\* - Filed or furnished herewith

\*\*Certain portions of this exhibit (indicated by "[\*\*\*\*]") have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION

DATE: May 8, August 7, 2024

/s/ Noelle M. Repetti

Noelle M. Repetti

Senior Vice President and Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT 10.6

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION

2021 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD

FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS GRANT AGREEMENT

Name of Grantee:

Date of Grant:

Number of Restricted Stock Units:

Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) made as of the Date of Grant between CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (“**CRC**”), and with its subsidiaries (the “**Company**”), and the Eligible Person receiving this Award (the “**Grantee**”).

**1. Grant of Restricted Stock Units.** In accordance with this Agreement and the California Resources Corporation 2021 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time (the “**Plan**”), CRC hereby grants to the Grantee as of the Date of Grant, the number of Restricted Stock Units set forth above. For purposes of this Agreement, a grant of Restricted Stock Units is a bookkeeping entry that represents the right to receive an equivalent number of shares of CRC common stock, \$0.01 par value (the “**Common Stock**”), on the applicable payment date set forth in Section 4. Restricted Stock Units are not shares of Common Stock and have no voting rights or, except as stated in Section 5, dividend rights.

**2. Restrictions on Transfer.** Neither this Agreement nor any right to receive shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement may be transferred or assigned by the Grantee other than to a beneficiary designated on a form approved by CRC (if enforceable under local law), by will or, if the Grantee dies without designating a beneficiary of a valid will, by the laws of descent and distribution. Any purported transfer, encumbrance or other disposition of the Grantee’s rights under this Agreement that is in violation of this Section 2 shall be null and void.

**3. Vesting of Restricted Stock Units.** Provided that the Grantee has continuously served as a member of the Board from the Date of Grant through the vesting date described in this sentence, the Restricted Stock Units shall vest on ; provided, however, that 100% of the unvested Restricted Stock Units shall immediately vest on the earlier of (i) the date upon which a Qualifying Change in Control occurs if such event occurs prior to the date of the Grantee’s “separation from service” (as defined under Section 409A of the Code (“**Separation from Service**”)), (ii) the date of the Grantee’s death if such event occurs while Grantee is serving as a member of the Board, or (iii) the date of the Grantee’s Separation from Service by reason of disability (as determined by the Committee). The date described in the preceding sentence upon which Restricted Stock Units vest is referred to herein as the “**Vesting Date**.” As used herein, the term “**Qualifying Change in Control**” means a Change in Control, but excluding any event that would otherwise constitute a Change in Control and that relates solely to any acquisition of securities of the Company by a stockholder of the Company that owns 20% or more of either the Outstanding Stock or the Outstanding Company Voting Securities as of the Date of Grant (or by such a stockholder and/or one or more of its affiliates). Any Restricted Stock Units that do not become vested in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Section 3 shall be forfeited and surrendered to CRC for no consideration as of the date of the Grantee’s Separation from Service. In addition, if the Grantee incurs a Separation from Service for cause (as determined by the Board), then, notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, all of the Grantee’s Restricted Stock Units which have not yet been paid pursuant to

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Section 4 (whether vested or unvested) shall be forfeited and surrendered to CRC for no consideration as of the date of the Grantee’s Separation from Service.



**4. Payment of Awards.** Restricted Stock Units that become vested in accordance with Section 3 shall be paid on the earlier of (i) the date that is three months and one day after the date of the Grantee's Separation from Service, (ii) the date upon which a Qualifying Change in Control occurs (or within 45 days thereafter) provided that such Qualifying Change in Control also constitutes a change in control event within the meaning of Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(5), (iii) the date of the Grantee's death (or within 45 days thereafter), or (iv) the date the Grantee becomes disabled within the meaning of Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(4) (or within 45 days thereafter). Payment shall be made in the form of shares of Common Stock equal in number to the number of Restricted Stock Units with respect to which payment is being made on that date, plus cash for any fractional share units based on the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the date immediately preceding the date of such payment.

**5. Crediting and Payment of Dividend Equivalents.** With respect to the number of outstanding Restricted Stock Units listed above that have not been paid pursuant to Section 4, the Grantee shall be credited on the books and records of CRC with an amount (the "Dividend Equivalent") equal to the amount per share of any cash dividends declared by the Board on the outstanding Common Stock as and when declared during the period beginning on the Date of Grant and ending on the applicable payment date set forth in Section 4. CRC will pay in cash to the Grantee an amount equal to the Dividend Equivalents credited to such Grantee within 60 days of the later of (i) the relevant dividend payment date applicable to stockholders generally with respect to the dividends associated with such Dividend Equivalents and (ii) the date on which the Restricted Stock units to which such Dividend Equivalents are attributable vest in accordance with Section 3 (provided, however, for purposes of this clause (ii) only, the vesting of Restricted Stock Units upon the occurrence of a Qualifying Change in Control that does not also constitute a change in control event within the meaning of Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(5) shall be disregarded and, in such case, the date provided in this clause (ii) shall be deemed to reference the earlier of the date upon which such Restricted Stock Units would have otherwise vested pursuant to Section 3 or are settled and paid in accordance with Section 4). If the Restricted Stock Units (or any portion thereof) are forfeited by the Grantee pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, then the Grantee shall also forfeit the Dividend Equivalents, if any, accrued and unpaid with respect to such forfeited Restricted Stock Units. No interest will accrue on the Dividend Equivalents between the declaration and payment of the applicable dividends and the settlement of the Dividend Equivalents.

**6. Retention as Director.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall interfere with or limit in any way the right of CRC or the stockholders of CRC to remove the Grantee from the Board pursuant to the by-laws of CRC, nor confer upon any Grantee any right to continue in the service of CRC as a member of the Board.

**7. Taxes and Withholding.** The Grantee is responsible for any federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax, including income tax, social insurance, payroll tax, payment on account or other tax-related withholding with respect to the grant of Restricted Stock Units (including the grant, the vesting, the receipt of Common Stock, the sale of Common Stock and the receipt of Dividend Equivalents, if any). The Company does not guarantee any particular tax treatment or results in connection with the grant, vesting or payment of the Restricted Stock Units or the payment of Dividend Equivalents, if any.

**8. Compliance with Law.** The Company will make reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable federal, state and foreign securities laws; however, the Company will not issue any Common Stock or other securities pursuant to this Agreement if their issuance would result in a violation of any such law by the Company.

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**9. Adjustments.** The number or kind of shares of stock covered by this Restricted Stock Unit Award may be adjusted as the Committee determines pursuant to the Plan in order to prevent dilution or expansion of the Grantee's rights under this Agreement



as a result of events such as stock dividends, stock splits, or other change in the capital structure of CRC, or any merger, consolidation, spin-off, liquidation or other corporate transaction or event having a similar effect. If any such adjustment occurs, the Company will give the Grantee written notice of the adjustment containing an explanation of the nature of the adjustment.

**10. Amendments.** The Plan may be modified, amended, suspended or terminated by the Company at any time, as provided in the Plan. Any amendment to the Plan will be deemed to be an amendment to this Agreement to the extent it is applicable to this Agreement; however, except to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law, no amendment will adversely affect the rights of the Grantee under this Agreement without the Grantee's consent.

**11. Severability.** If one or more of the provisions of this Agreement is invalidated for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidated provisions shall be deemed to be separable from the other provisions of this Agreement, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement will continue to be valid and fully enforceable.

**12. Relation to Plan; Interpretation.** This Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan. In the event of any inconsistent provisions between this Agreement and the Plan, the provisions of the Plan control. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement without definitions have the meanings assigned to them in the Plan. References to Sections are to Sections of this Agreement unless otherwise noted.

**13. Successors and Assigns.** Subject to Sections 2 and 3, the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, and be binding upon, the successors, administrators, heirs, legal representatives and assigns of the Grantee, and the successors and assigns of the Company.

**14. Governing Law.** The laws of the State of Delaware govern the interpretation, performance, and enforcement of this Agreement.

**15. Notices.** Any notice to the Company provided for in this Agreement will be given to its chief legal officer at its principal executive offices, and any notice to the Grantee will be addressed to the Grantee at his or her address currently on file with the Company. Any written notice will be deemed to be duly given when received if delivered personally or sent by telecopy, e-mail, or the United States mail, first class registered mail, postage and fees prepaid, and addressed as provided in this paragraph. Any party may change the address to which notices are to be given by written notice to the other party as specified in the preceding sentence.

**16. Privacy Rights.** By accepting this Award, the Grantee explicitly and unambiguously consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of the Grantee's Data (as defined below) by and among, as applicable, the Company and its affiliates for the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Grantee's participation in the Plan. The Company holds or may receive from any agent designated by the Company certain personal information about the Grantee, including, but not limited to, the Grantee's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social insurance number or other identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock or directorships held in CRC, details of this Restricted Stock Unit Award or any other entitlement to shares of stock awarded, canceled, exercised, vested, unvested or outstanding in the Grantee's favor, for the purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Plan, including complying with applicable tax and securities laws ("**Data**"). Data may be transferred to any third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Plan. These recipients may be located in the Grantee's country or

elsewhere, and may have different data privacy laws and protections than the Grantee's country. By accepting this Agreement, the Grantee authorizes the recipients to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purposes described above. The Grantee may, at any time, view Data, request additional information about the storage and processing of Data, require any necessary amendments to Data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting the Committee in writing. Refusing or withdrawing consent may affect the Grantee's ability to participate in the Plan.

**17. Electronic Delivery.** The Company may, in its sole discretion, decide to deliver any documents related to this Restricted Stock Unit Award granted under the Plan or future awards that may be granted under the Plan (if any) by electronic means or to request the Grantee's consent to participate in the Plan by electronic means. The Grantee hereby consents to receive such documents by electronic delivery and, if requested, to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Company or another third party designated by the Company.

**18. Compliance With Section 409A of the Code.** This Agreement shall be interpreted and administered in such a way as to comply with the applicable provisions of Section 409A of the Code ("**Section 409A**") to the maximum extent possible. In addition, (i) if the Grantee must be treated as a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A, any payment made on account of the Grantee's Separation from Service will be made at the time specified above in Section 4 or, if later, on the date that is six (6) months and one (1) day following the date of the Grantee's Separation from Service; and (ii) any payment on a Qualifying Change in Control event will be made only if the Qualifying Change in Control also qualifies as a change in control event within the meaning of Section 409A. To the extent that the Board determines that the Plan or this Award fails to comply with the requirements of Section 409A, the Board reserves the right (without any obligation to do so) to amend or terminate the Plan and/or amend, restructure, terminate or replace this Award in order to cause this Award either to not be subject to Section 409A or to comply with the applicable provisions of such section.

**19. Grantee's Representations and Releases.** By accepting this Award, the Grantee acknowledges that the Grantee has read this Agreement and understands that the future value of any shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to this Restricted Stock Unit Award cannot be predicted and CRC does not assume liability in the event such shares of Common Stock have no value in the future; and the Grantee will be solely responsible for the payment or nonpayment of taxes imposed or threatened to be imposed by any authority of any jurisdiction.

In consideration of the grant of this Restricted Stock Unit Award, no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages shall arise from termination of this Restricted Stock Unit Award or diminution in value of this Restricted Stock Unit Award or Common Stock issued pursuant to this Restricted Stock Unit Award resulting from termination of the Grantee's service as a member of the Board and the Grantee irrevocably releases the Company from any such claim that may arise; if, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such claim is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have arisen, then, by accepting this Agreement, the Grantee shall be deemed irrevocably to have waived his or her entitlement to pursue such claim.

EXHIBIT 31.1

**RULE 13a – 14(a) / 15d – 14(a)**  
**CERTIFICATION**  
**PURSUANT TO §302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Francisco J. Leon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of California Resources Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 8, 2024August 7, 2024

/s/ Francisco J. Leon

Francisco J. Leon

President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

EXHIBIT 31.2

**RULE 13a – 14(a) / 15d – 14(a)**  
**CERTIFICATION**  
**PURSUANT TO §302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Manuela (Nelly) Molina, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of California Resources Corporation;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 8, 2024August 7, 2024

/s/ Manuela (Nelly) Molina

Manuela (Nelly) Molina

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT 32.1

**CERTIFICATION OF CEO AND CFO PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. § 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
§ 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of California Resources Corporation (the “Company”) for the fiscal period ended **March 31, 2024** **June 30, 2024**, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on **May 8, 2024** **August 7, 2024** (the “Report”), Francisco J. Leon, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Manuela (Nelly) Molina, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his or her knowledge, respectively:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Francisco J. Leon

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Name: Francisco J. Leon  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)  
Date: **May 8, 2024** **August 7, 2024**

/s/ Manuela (Nelly) Molina

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Name: Manuela (Nelly) Molina  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)  
Date: **May 8, 2024** **August 7, 2024**

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to California Resources Corporation and will be retained by California Resources Corporation and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This certification accompanies the Report pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, be deemed filed by the Company for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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