

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Helm Michael S.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, SUITE 1500</u> (Street) <u>LONG BEACH</u> <u>CA</u> <u>90831</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/16/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>California Resources Corp [CRC]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP Finance & Controller</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	21,652 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes (i) 4,956 restricted stock units ("RSUs") that will vest on March 1, 2027; (ii) 2,712 RSUs that will vest on March 1, 2028; and (iii) 2,804 RSUs that will vest in three equal installments on each of March 2, 2027, 2028 and 2029. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Ulrik Damborg,
Attorney-in-Fact for 03/19/2026
Michael S. Helm
** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by those present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Michael L. Preston, Ulrik Damborg and Jody L. Johnson, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

1. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of California Resources Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder and Form 144 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
2. Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 and 5 and Form 144 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
3. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned a Form ID (including amendments thereto), or any other documents prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, that may be necessary to obtain or regenerate codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act or any rule or regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission.
4. Take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming that each such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. **The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, and their substitutes, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or Section 5 of the Securities Act.**

The undersigned agrees that each attorney-in-fact may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by or at the direction of the undersigned to such attorney-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each attorney-in-fact against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in these respects) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statements or omissions of necessary facts in the information provided by or at the direction of the undersigned, or upon the lack of timeliness in the delivery of information by or at the direction of the undersigned, to an attorney-in-fact for purposes of executing, acknowledging, delivering or filing a Form ID, Form 3, Form 4, Form 5 or Form 144 (including amendments thereto) and agrees to reimburse the Company and each attorney-in-fact on demand for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 or Form 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Michael S. Helm
Michael S. Helm