

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Preston Michael L.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 9200 OAKDALE AVENUE SUITE 900 (Street) LOS ANGELES CA 91311 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>California Resources Corp [CRC]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2017 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) EVP, GC and Corp. Secretary 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/09/2017		A		5,686 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	59,024	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2017		F		2,138	D	\$13.08	56,886	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:
1. Vesting of performance-based Restricted Stock Incentive Award pursuant to California Resources Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Remarks:

/s/ Ulrik Damborg, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael L. Preston
** Signature of Reporting Person

05/11/2017
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 4 (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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by those present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Michael L. Preston, Jody L. Johnson, and Ulrik Damborg signing singly, the undersigned 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");
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;
3. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned a Form ID (including amendments thereto), or any other forms prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency;
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, and for the convenience of, the undersigned.

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, and proper or allowable to be done and performed in connection with the foregoing, in order to carry out the purposes and intentions of the undersigned.

The undersigned agrees that the attorney-in-fact may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by or at the direction of the undersigned to the attorney-in-fact.

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 securities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 9th day of May, 2017.

/s/ Michael L. Preston
Michael L. Preston