

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency):
County of Imperial
Planning & Development Services
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FILE # 13-2021-078
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

JUL 29 2021

Project Title: Second Imperial Geothermal CUP #19-0017

Chuck Storey - County Clerk
By:  Deputy

Project Applicant: Second Imperial Geothermal Company

Project Location - Specific: 855 Dogwood Road, Heber, CA

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Second Imperial Geothermal proposed the Heber 2 Geothermal Repower Project (CUP #19-0017), which will allow for facility upgrades, including installation of two new water-cooled ORMAT Energy Converters (OECs) to replace six old units installed in 1992; three 10,000-gallon above-ground isopentane storage tanks; and additional piping to connect the proposed facilities within the Heber 2 Complex. All proposed upgrades will be developed within the existing Heber 2 facility and fence line. CUP #19-0017 also proposes renewal of the permitted life of the Second Imperial Geothermal facilities, including the Heber 2, Heber South, and Goulds 2 plant facilities for 15 years.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Board of Supervisors

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Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jim Minnick

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Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

IMPERIAL COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
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- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061 (Common-Sense)
 Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number: _____

15301 (Existing Facilities)
15302 (Replacement or
Reconstruction)

The Board of Supervisors has determined based on the whole of the administrative record that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. [CEQA]), pursuant to the Class 1, Class 2, and Common-Sense Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.), because the Project is a modification to an existing facility involving replacement or reconstruction with no expansion of the existing use, and that there are no exceptions to the exemptions or unusual circumstances that distinguish the Project from other projects covered under the categorical exemptions. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was also prepared for the Project and a corresponding Notice of Determination has been filed for the Project and MND.

Lead Agency

Area Code/

Contact Person: Jim Minnick, Director

Telephone Extension: 442-265-1736

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 07/29/2021 Title: Director

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- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

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