

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Hell's Kitchen PowerCo1 and LithiumCo1 Project

Chambers Group, Inc. has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Hell's Kitchen PowerCo1 and LithiumCo1 Project (Project) on behalf of the Imperial County Planning and Development Services described below. The Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department held a public scoping meeting for the Project was held on March 31, 2022 at 1:30PM at the Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2nd Floor of the County Administration Center located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

REFERENCE: Hell's Kitchen PowerCo1 and LithiumCo1 Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located within undeveloped land and a right-of-way (ROW) corridor for the gen-tie transmission line to the IID interconnect station near Hudson Ranch (HR1). The Project would be located within Sections 11 and 12, Township 11 South, Range 13 East in Imperial County near the eastern shore of the Salton Sea. The Project is approximately 3.6 miles west of the town of Niland. The majority of the proposed facilities are located immediately west of Davis Road, with administrative buildings and warehouses located east of Davis Road. The 230-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie line for HKP1 will run from Noffsinger Road approximately 2 miles south to McDonald Road and then will run approximately 0.3 miles east to Hudson Ranch. The gen-tie line would be located east of Davis Road and north of McDonald Road, within the IID's transmission ROW and within new ROW. Powering HK1 facilities would occur through a cable tray between HK1 And HKL1 facilities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. via its subsidiary Hell's Kitchen Geothermal, LLC is proposing the Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1 (HKP1), and Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 LLC is proposing the Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 (HKL1) in Imperial County, California. HKP1 involves the development of a geothermal power plant that will produce up to 49.9 megawatts (MW) net of geothermal green energy. HKL1 involves development of mineral extraction and processing facilities capable of producing lithium hydroxide, silica and polymetallic products, and possibly boron compounds, for commercial sale. HKP1 and HKL1 (together referred to as the Proposed Project) will be constructed by Hell's Kitchen PowerCo 1 LLC and Hell's Kitchen LithiumCo 1 LLC respectively, both subsidiaries of Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. (CTR) and will have shared facilities. Hell's Kitchen Operating Services LLC, also a subsidiary of Controlled Thermal Resources (US) Inc. will operate and maintain these facilities.

DESIGNATED AREA PLAN: S-1-G (open space/geothermal overlay); S-2-G (open space/preservation/geothermal overlay); M-2-G-PE (medium industrial/geothermal overlay).

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT: District 4, Supervisor Ryan E. Kelley

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS: The Draft EIR analyzed potential impacts associated with the following: Aesthetics; Agriculture; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Energy; Geology and Soils; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; and Cumulative Impacts.

COMMENTS REQUESTED: Your comments may be submitted in writing to David Black, Senior Planner, located at 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. A hard copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department located at 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 from 7:00 am thru 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

DRAFT EIR REVIEW PERIOD: September 08, 2023 to October 23, 2023. Copies of the Draft EIR will be available for review at the local libraries and the Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department will post the Draft EIR on the Imperial County Website (www.icpds.com).