## COUNTY OF IMPERIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Through the guidance of our Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are following these recommendations: 1. You are strongly encouraged to listen to the live audio and video stream of the Board of Supervisors meetings at the link mentioned below. 2. Should you wish to provide public comment on a specific item on the agenda and/or general public comment, please submit your comment via email to the Clerk of the Board at blancaacosta@co.imperial.ca.us no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting. If you are planning to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in person you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing i.e. maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals. All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Planning & Development Services Department located at 801 Main Street, El Centro, Ca. 92243 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Please remember to shut off all cell phones, or electronic devices upon entering the Board Chambers. Board of Supervisors Meeting Live Video/Audio Streaming Link http://imperial.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\_id=2.

## HEBER GEOTHERMAL COMPANY

The Planning & Development Services Department respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors conduct a public hearing to consider Appeal #21-0003 of the December 28, 2021, Planning Commission's decision of approval for Heber 1 Geothermal Repower Project (Conditional Use Permit #19-0028), as submitted by the Heber Geothermal Company:

- 1. Consider Approval or Denial of Appeal #21-0003;
- 2. Consider Approval or Denial of the followings:
  - a. Finding of Fact for Categorical Exemption
  - b. Mitigated Negative Declaration
  - c. De Minimus Finding
  - d. Conditional Use Permit #19-0028

Date of Meeting: February 15, 2022 Time of Meeting:

11:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting:

940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Project Type: Heber Geothermal Co/Ormat. is proposing a thirty (30) year renewal for the operation of the existing Heber 1 Imperial Geothermal facilities. The proposed Conditional Use Permit #19-0028 will allow for upgrades including the replacement of the existing dual flash steam turbine generator and bottoming units with an Ormat Integrated three-level unit (I3LU) and an integrated two-level unit (ITLU) and the installation of ancillary equipment. The purpose of the repower project is to improve efficiency of the operations and increase the net and gross generation to 52MW (net), 78.2 (gross) as initially requested under Conditional Use Permit #15-0013.

**Project Numbers & Names** 

Conditional Use Permit CUP # 19-0028

Project Name/Applicants:

Heber Geothermal Company

Location: The proposed project site upgrade is located at the existing Heber 1 Geothermal Plant with Assessor's Parcel Numbers 054-250-036-000 & 054-250-035-000 with a parcel area of 20 acres and 8 acres respectively. The town of Heber is approximately 3,500 feet to the northwest of the Heber 1 Geothermal Plant and the City of Calexico limits are located south of the proposed project site. The property is legally described as a Portion of the East half of Tract 45, Township 16 South, Range 14 East, SBB&M

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A NOTICE TO INFORM YOU, as a property owner, tenant, or interested citizens, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial, California will conduct a public hearing, as part of a scheduled meeting, for Conditional Use Permit CUP 19-0028. The Board of Supervisors will consider approving, conditionally approving, or denying CUP # 19-0028.

All interested individuals are encouraged to attend and be heard. All supporting documentation may be reviewed at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office located at 940 Main Street, Suite 209, El Centro, CA during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Environmental documentation is also available at www.icdps.com.

Si usted requiere esta información en español, por favor de llamar al (442) 265-1736.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known. Due to COVID-19, remote participation is required. Please arrange with the Clerk of the Board at (442) 265-1020 prior to the scheduled hearing date should you wish participate in providing a public comment remotely.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Imperial, State of California