



Imperial County Planning & Development Services Planning / Building

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DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN for the preparation of a Negative Declaration Mitigated Negative Declaration Environmental Impact Report for Conditional Use Permit CUP 19-0017, pursuant to the *California Environmental Quality Act* and the County of Imperial's *Rules and Regulations to Implement California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as amended*.

LEAD AGENCY: Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department (ICPDS)

APPLICANT: Second Imperial Geothermal Company

PROJECT LOCATION: 855 Dogwood, Heber, CA. 92249 The property is identified as PAR 4 PM 1106 OF TR 44 Township 16 South, Range 14 East, SBB&M, ±40 acres; Assessor Parcel Number 054-250-031-000

The project site is is not listed on any list under Government Code Section 65962.5.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Perform CUP amendment to allow for installation of two new water-cooled ORMAT Energy Converters (OECs) to replace six old units from 1992; three 10,000 gallon isopentane above ground storage tanks; and, additional pipes to connect the proposed facilities with the existing Heber 2 Geothermal Energy Complex. All proposed facilities would be developed within the existing Heber 2 Complex and fence line. The total project disturbance from developing the new facilities is approximately 4 acres. The CUP amendment application also proposes to renew the permitted life of the entire Heber 2 Complex (including the Goulds 2 and Heber South geothermal energy facilities) to 30 years (2019-2049). The proposed facility upgrades would allow the Heber 2 Complex to run more efficiently and refurbish the Heber 2 Complex to the original nameplate capacity (33 megawatts).

PUBLIC HEARING: An Imperial County Planning Commission public hearing will be conducted on June 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Center (Board Room) at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 to consider the adoption of the environmental document.

COMMENT PERIOD: from May 15, 2020 to June 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Comments will be accepted for the proposed project during this period. You may submit comments by mail, fax or email at (planninginfo@co.imperialca.us). Only comments submitted during the specified period will be considered unless otherwise allowed under CEQA.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: All required documents for the project are available at the ICPDS office located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243 during normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Jim Minnick, Director
Planning & Development Services

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**Cover Sheet
Assessment Form
(County of Imperial)**

Initial Study # 19-0020 Date: May 28, 2020

Project type/name: Conditional Use Permit #19-0017

Applicant's name: Second Imperial Geothermal Company

Applicant's address: 6140 Plumes St., Reno, NV. 89519

Name of person preparing Initial Study: David Black

Signature of person preparing Initial Study: 

I. Project Information

- a. Assessor's Parcel Number: 054-250- 031-000
- b. Street address: 855 Dogwood Road, Heber, CA
- c. Cross street: Willoughby Road
- d. Township/Section/Range: T16S/R14E
- e. Project area (acres) : ±40 Acres

II. General Plan Consistency

- a. General Plan Designation. Heber Specific Plan (SPA)
- b. Is Project in an Urban area? No
- c. Name of Urban area. N/A
- d. Is Project within an adopted Specific Plan area? Yes
- e. Name of Specific Plan area. Heber
- f. Existing zoning. Conditional A2 (General Agriculture)
- g. Proposed zoning, if any. N/A
- h. Adjacent zoning. Medium Industrial

- i. Is proposal consistent with the site's existing or proposed zoning? Yes
- j. Is proposal compatible with existing or surrounding zoning or can it be made compatible? Yes
- k. Is the proposal consistent with a Specific Plan for the area? Yes
- l. Is the proposal compatible with existing plans and planned surrounding land uses or can it be made compatible? Yes
- m. Is the proposal consistent with the land use designation and policies of the 1993 General Plan? Yes

Comments: (if any)

None
