



Imperial County Planning & Development Services Planning / Building

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NOTICE OF INTENT

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NOTICE OF INTENT IS HERBY GIVEN for the preparation of a Negative Declaration Mitigated Negative Declaration for Conditional Use Permit # 22-0020 Initial Study #22-0034 Geothermal well Project, 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: Hudson Ranch Power 1, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: Eastern edge of Salton Sea, east of Davis Road along McDonald Road & Hazard Road, Imperial County California

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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pursuant to State law requirements, the project applicant proposes to drill a new well (13-4) in the Hudson Ranch Unit of the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area to continue resource development and maximize plant output. The proposed project consists of four primary components: 1) well pad; 2) geothermal well; 3) pipeline that would connect the geothermal well to the existing John L. Featherstone Geothermal Power Plant; and 4) an access road to the well pad as well as an access road generally along the pipeline extent.

PUBLIC HEARING: An Imperial County Planning Commission public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday May 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Administration Center (Board Room) located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA, 92243 to consider the approval of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, in conjunction with the proposed project.

COMMENT PERIOD: 04/18/2023 to 05/18/2023 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 davidblack@co.imperial.ca.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 8:00 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 # 22-0034 Date: 04/13/2023

Project type/name: CUP 22-0020/ Hudson Ranch 1 geothermal well

Applicant's name: Hudson Ranch Power 1, LLC

Applicant's address: 15 W South Temple, Suite 1900, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Name of person preparing Initial Study: David Black, Planner IV

Signature of person preparing Initial Study: 

I. Project Information

- a. Assessor's Parcel Number: 020-010-035
- b. Street address: McDonald Road and Davis Road
- c. Cross street: Davis Road
- d. Township/Section/Range: 11S/13/R13E
- e. Project area (acres) : 470+ acres

II. General Plan Consistency

- a. General Plan Designation. Agriculture
- b. Is Project in an Urban area? No
- c. Name of Urban area. N/A
- d. Is Project within an adopted Specific Plan area? No
- e. Name of Specific Plan area. N/A
- f. Existing zoning. M-2-G-PE (Medium Industrial-Geothermal Overlay)
- g. Proposed zoning, if any. N/A
- h. Adjacent zoning.

A-2 General Agriculture, M-2 Medium Industrial, S-1 Open Space/ Recreation

- 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? N/A
- 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.
