

State of California  
Natural Resources Agency / Department of Conservation  
GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**California Environmental Quality Act**  
**Notice of Determination**

**To:** Office of Planning & Research  
State Clearinghouse  
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**From:** Department of Conservation  
Geologic Energy Management Division  
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**Lead Agency:** **Sonoma County PRMD, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**  
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**State Clearinghouse #:** SCH# 2020040101

**Lead Agency Project Title:** The Geothermal Leasehold of Union Oil Company at The Geysers

**Project Activity Title:** GDC 36 production well

**Permit Applicant:** Geysers Power Company, LLC

**Project Location:** The Geysers geothermal field

County: Sonoma Section: 18  
Township: 11N Range/Baseline 8W MD B&M  
Latitude/Longitude: 38.810703/-122.803456

**Project Description:** The originally approved project consists of:

Drilling a geothermal production well on an existing well pad.

The GDC 36 well will be drilled on an existing (fully disturbed) well pad. The well is located approximately 1735' south of Ottoboni Ridge Road in unincorporated Sonoma County.

Sonoma County Permit & Resource Management Department, as Lead Agency, prepared and approved an Environmental Impact Report in July 1975 with legacy SCH #75092901.

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) considered the EIR prepared by the Lead Agency and issued a Permit to Conduct Well Operations.

CalGEM has approved a permit for Geysers Power Company, LLC to drill the geothermal injection well listed below, in The Geysers geothermal field.

API#	Well Name
09790894	GDC 36

Details on well locations are online at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/doggr/Pages/wellfinder.aspx>

This Notice of Determination (NOD) is to advise that the Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the Responsible Agency under CEQA, has approved the above described project on **10/25/2023**

Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and environmental document was prepared by the Lead Agency for the project, as follows:

**Lead Agency Name:** Sonoma County Permit & Resource Management Department

**Project Title:** The Geothermal Leasehold of Union Oil Company at The Geysers

**SCH #:** 2020040101

**Date Certified or Adopted:** 7/21/1975

1. **Environmental Impacts** from the project will
  - Have a significant effect on the environment
  - Not have a significant effect on the environment
  
2. **Environmental Document** prepared for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA:
  - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
  - Negative Declaration (ND)
  
3. **Mitigation Measures** were
  - Made a condition of approval of the project.
  - Not made a condition of approval of the project.
  
4. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP)** was
  - Adopted for this project
  - Not adopted for this project
  
5. **Statement of Overriding Considerations** was
  - Adopted for this project
  - Not adopted for this project
  
6. **Findings** were
  - Made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)
  - Not made for this project, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (14 CCR 15091)

A copy of the environmental document prepared by the Lead Agency for this project, including any Response To Comments, MMRP, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Findings, and all other related documents, are available for public examination at the **Sonoma Co. Permit & Resource Management Dep't**, located at **2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403** ; or an electronic copy of these documents may be accessed online at: **NA**

For any additional environmental impacts identified by CalGEM that are beyond those already identified by the Lead Agency, CalGEM has prepared additional documents as part of its Responsible Agency review and approval process for this project activity, as follows:

**No Additional Impacts**    **MMRP**    **Findings**    **Statement of Override**

A copy of these documents may be examined online at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA> <sup>2</sup>

**Certified:** Amar Rao **Date:** 10/26/2023  
Geologic Energy Management Division