

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
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Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning & Development Services
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State Clearinghouse #: SCH# 2020070286

Lead Agency Project Title: Salton Sea Anomaly Master Environmental Impact Report

Project Activity Title: GEO CalEnergy 0402591583

Permit Applicant: CalEnergy Operating Corporation

Project Location: Salton Sea geothermal field

County: Imperial

Section: 34

Township: 11S

Range/Baseline 13E SB B&M

Latitude/Longitude: 33.171210 / -115.597721

Project Description: The originally approved project consists of:

The expansion to 111,444 acres and development of the geothermal overlay zone, which includes onshore and offshore lands at the Salton Sea Anomaly, located along the southeast shore of the Salton Sea in Imperial County. Development includes construction, operation, and maintenance of geothermal power plants, geothermal wells, pipelines, and other associated facilities and infrastructure. Imperial County, as Lead Agency, prepared and approved an Environmental Impact report (EIR) in May 1982. The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) considered the EIR prepared by the Lead Agency and issued a Permit to Conduct Well Operations for one well.

CalGEM has approved permits for CalEnergy Operating Corporation to install the geothermal well listed below, in the Salton Sea geothermal field.

API#	Well Name
02591583	Elmore IW 7

Details on well locations are online at: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/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 11/7/2024

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

Lead Agency Name: Imperial County Planning & Development Services

Project Title: Salton Sea Anomaly Master Environmental Impact Report

SCH #: 80102409

Date Certified or Adopted: May 11, 1982

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 Imperial County Planning & Development Services, located at 801 Main St., El Centro, CA 92243 ; 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 the State Clearinghouse: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>; and/or at the Division's website at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/CEQA>

Certified: John C Huff **Date:** 11/7/2024
Geologic Energy Management Division