

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Hudson Ranch New Well 13-4 Project

Lead Agency: Imperial County Planning and Development Services Department

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Project Location: _____ Imperial
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

1. Biological Resources: Burrowing owls were not present on the project site during the field survey; however suitable nesting and foraging habitat is present and they may be present at the start of project construction. Mitigation Measure BIO-1 would reduce this potential impact to a level less than significant.
2. Cultural Resources: The potential of finding a buried archaeological site during construction is considered low. However, like all construction projects in the state, the possibility exists. Mitigation Measure CR-1 would reduce the potential impact associated with the inadvertent discovery of archaeological resources to a level less than significant.
3. Geology/Soils: The project site is located in the Imperial Valley which is directly underlain by geologic units comprised of quaternary lake deposits of the ancient Lake Cahuilla. The paleontological sensitivity of these lakebed deposits within the project site are considered to be high. Impacts on any surface or near-surface level paleontological resources may occur because of grading and disturbance of the area. Implementation of Mitigation Measure GEO-1 would reduce the impact on paleontological resources to a level less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None have been expressed at this time.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- Imperial County Public Works Department
- Imperial County Fire Department