

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency):
Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
150 S. 9th Street
El Centro, CA 92243

County Clerk
County of Imperial
940 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Project Title: Ormesa 1 OEC Project

Project Applicant: Ormesa LLC

Project Location - Specific:

Ormesa 1 Complex. East Mesa Known Geothermal Resource Area 20 miles east of the City of El Centro on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management -California Desert District (BLM)

Project Location - City: Nearest city is Holtville Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Ormesa LLC will integrate a new Ormat Energy Converter (OEC) unit at the existing Ormesa 1 Complex to create an integrated 3 level unit with a primary objective to restore the original generation capacity of the Ormesa 1 Complex. The new OEC unit would include one generator and one turbine. All development will occur within the existing fence line and comply with all applicable federal/BLM policies, plans, and regulations. BLM reviewed the Project and issued a Sundry Notice September 2022.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Imperial County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Belen Leon

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

✓ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: See list below as follows:

- a) Class I Exemption (Existing Facilities) - Section 15301
b) Class II Exemption (Replacement or Reconstruction) - Section 15302
c) Class III Exemption (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) - Section 15303
d) General Rule (Common Sense) Exemption - Section 15061(b)(3)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The IC Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors has determined based on the whole of the administrative record that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. [CEQA]), pursuant to the Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Common Sense Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 1500 et seq.), because the Project is a modification to an existing facility involving replacement or reconstruction with no expansion of the existing use, and that there are no exceptions to the exemptions or unusual circumstances that distinguish the Project from other projects covered under the categorical exemptions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Belen Leon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (442) 265-1800

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Belen Leon Date: 05/15/2024 Title: Air Pollution Control Officer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: