

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

County Clerk
 County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Hell's Kitchen Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: Hell's Kitchen Geothermal LLC (HKG)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project site is located at the southeast end of the Salton Sea, approximately 3.8 m

Project Location - City: Niland Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The HKG will be conducting exploratory geotechnical investigations and geophysical surveys near the south eastern end of the Salton Sea to support the design and construction of a geothermal power plant and lithium facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Hell's Kitchen Geothermal LLC

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: Class 4 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304 et seq.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061) under a Class 4 categorical exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15304 et seq.). Class 4 categorical exemptions consist of "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes." The Colorado River Basin Water Board concludes that the enrollment of this Project and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and no exceptions to the exemptions apply (Pub. Resources Code, § 21084; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Logan Raub Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 776-8966

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:  Date: 11/13/2024 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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: _____