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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the

Notice is hereby given by the Imperial Irrigation District of the availability for public review of a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the El Centro Generating Station Unit 4 Repowering Project

The proposed power generation project will retire Boiler 4 at the El Centro Generating Station, located 485 East Villa Avenue in the City of El Centro, Imperial County, California, and replace it with up to six Wartsila 18.82 MW natural gas reciprocating internal combustion engines totaling approximately 113 MW in electrical generating capacity. Boiler 4 is approximately 55 years old and does not offer the reliability, fuel efficiency or cyclic operations that are needed to complement the increased renewable energy sources that are a part of IID's power portfolio. The ECGS currently operates three combustion turbine generators, three steam turbine generators, one boiler (Boiler 4), one diesel emergency standby generator, an emergency fire pump, a portable sandblaster, and three unit-specific cooling towers.

The new generating units will be constructed approximately 1,100 feet south of the existing boiler building to the west of Dogwood Avenue and north of Commercial Avenue, on IID-owned land. Power generated by the new units will be transmitted to the grid by way of the El Centro Switching Station. Each unit will be approximately 24 feet wide, 211 feet long and 18 feet high. Their exhaust stack height is expected to be approximately 120 feet tall and possibly be collocated in a common shroud structure. Construction is expected to last approximately 24-26 months and include the extension of underground natural gas supply lines from the boiler building southward to the project location. Demolition of existing obsolete structures may occur at the onset of construction. Soil will be grubbed and graded to achieve the appropriate contour and elevation. Excavation/boring will then take place to build foundations for the new structures. Trenches for fuel, electrical, and water lines will also be excavated. Some ancillary structures such as equipment storage/maintenance facilities and an administrative facility may also be built.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days (from March 21 through April 19, 2025). Discussion of potential impacts and mitigation measures are included in the IS. No significant impacts were identified for the project and a Draft MND has been prepared and is recommended for adoption. Copies of the IS and Draft MND are on file at the Environmental Regulatory Compliance Unit offices of the IID located at 321 South Waterman Avenue, Suite 201, Valley Plaza, El Centro, California (hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday [and alternating Fridays]), and on the IID's website <https://www.iid.com/about-iid/environmental-documents-available-for-public-review>.

All comments concerning this environmental document must be submitted in writing to:

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All comments must be received prior to the close of the business day on April 19, 2025. The Imperial Irrigation District is required to consider all written comments received during the noticed public review period prior to approving the project.