## **CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION**

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## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION (Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref: A2079; A2230 SCH#: 2019119033 Item: 45

Title: Truckhaven Geothermal Exploration Well Project

Proponent: Orni 5, LLC

Location: State Lands Commission, school or lieu land (owned in fee), State Reserved Mineral Interest (RMI) land, and Department of Parks and Recreation fee-owned land; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 017-340-011, 017-340-018, 017-340-010, 017-340-003, 017-010-048, 017-970-014, 017-340-004, 017-010-016, 017-010-056, 017-010-044, 017-010-045, 017-010-017, 017-010-027, 017-050-013, located in the Truckhaven area, near the Salton Sea in Imperial County.

Description: The Applicant proposes to drill and test up to six geothermal exploration wells (exploratory wells) on private and State lands in the Truckhaven Geothermal Exploration Area, located south-southwest of Salton City in western Imperial County, California. Each of the proposed geothermal exploration wells would be located on separate, individual well pads that would be constructed on lands under geothermal lease to the Applicant. The State Lands Commission action is approval of two geothermal resource leases with 5-year, primary terms through October 31, 2025.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as  $\Box$ Lead Agency  $\boxtimes$  Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on October 22, 2020, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project  $\Box$  will  $\boxtimes$  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A 🛛 Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures ⊠ were □ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  $\boxtimes$  was or  $\square$  was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations 
  was was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings  $\Box$  were  $\boxtimes$  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, Imperial County, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program and approved the project on December 11, 2019. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by Imperial County. At this time, the Commission's offices are closed to the public due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please contact Commission staff for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the MND and the record of project approval.

## DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

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