

**Imperial County  
Planning & Development Services Department  
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT EIR FOR THE  
DESERT VALLEY COMPANY MONOFILL EXPANSION PROJECT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Desert Valley Company Monofill Expansion Project (Project), as described below. A public scoping meeting for the proposed EIR will be held by the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department at 6:00 PM on January 9, 2020. The scoping meeting will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Administration Center located at 940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Comments regarding the scope of the EIR will be accepted at this meeting. Additionally, comments may be sent to the Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, California 92243, attention Jim Minnick, Director.

**SUBJECT:** Desert Valley Company Monofill Expansion Project

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONSIDERATION:** Fall 2020.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** CalEnergy Operating Corporation (CalEnergy) is proposing to expand the existing Desert Valley Company Monofill (DVCM) with the addition of a new waste storage cell (referred to as Cell 4) adjacent to and immediately west of the existing monofill. The DVCM is located at 3301 West Highway 86, Brawley, California, 92227. The Project site is located on private lands north of Superstition Hills and south of State Route 86, approximately 12 miles west of the City of Westmoreland and 4 miles south of the Salton Sea in the County of Imperial, California. The Project site is located in Section 33, Range 11 East, Township 12 South within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Kane Spring, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (Assessor's Parcel No. [APN] 019-100-004-001).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Desert Valley Company Monofill is an active Class II Solid Waste Management Facility used for the disposal of certain geothermal non-hazardous waste streams and byproducts generated by CalEnergy's geothermal power plant operations in Imperial County, California. The existing DVCM is permitted under Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 05-0020, Solid Waste Facility Permit No. 13-AA-0022, and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) R7-2016-0016. CalEnergy (Applicant) is requesting an amendment to CUP No. 05-0020 (CUP Amendment 18-0025), a General Plan Amendment (GPA 18-0004) and a Zone Change (ZC 18-0005) to facilitate expansion of the existing DVCM for development of a new waste storage cell (referred to herein as Cell 4) and associated facilities.

The proposed Project would expand the existing DVCM by approximately 80 acres and would provide an additional 1.3 million cubic yards of disposal capacity. The design of Cell 4 would be consistent with the DVCM's existing permits and all aspects of the proposed Project, such as operations, maintenance, monitoring, recordkeeping, and financial assurances, would be consistent with those of the existing monofill.

**DESIGNATED AREA PLAN:** The Project area is designated as "Recreation and Open Space" by the Imperial County General Plan. The Project parcel is zoned S-2.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT:** District 3, Supervisor, Michael W. Kelley.

**ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS:** The EIR will analyze potential impacts associated with the following: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources and Utilities and Service Systems.

**COMMENTS REQUESTED:** The Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department would like to know your ideas about the effects this project might have on the environment and your suggestions as to alternatives, mitigation or ways the project may be revised to reduce or avoid any significant environmental impacts. Your comments will guide the scope and content of environmental issues to be examined in the EIR. Your comments may be submitted in writing to: Jim Minnick, Director, Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Available project information may be reviewed at this location. Due to the limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than 35 days after receipt of this notice.

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION REVIEW PERIOD:** December 27, 2019 through January 31, 2020.