

**Imperial County
Planning & Development Services Department**

**NOTICE OF NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE
DESERT VALLEY COMPANY MONOFILL EXPANSION PROJECT, CELL 4**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, as lead agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Desert Valley Company Monofill Expansion Project (Cell 4).

PROJECT TITLE: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Desert Valley Company Monofill Expansion Project, Cell 4 (State Clearinghouse [SCH] # 2019120605).

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 Westmorland 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 non-hazardous geothermal 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 4 and associated facilities. DVCM is also seeking to obtain a water well CUP (#21-0002) for a new on-site water well.

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.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology/Soils; hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology/Water Quality; Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

COMMENTS REQUESTED: Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be directed to Diana Robinson, Planner III, Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department, 801 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243 and must be received **no later than September 14, 2021** (public review period is from July 26, 2021, through September 14, 2021). A Final EIR incorporating public input will be prepared for consideration by the Imperial County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors at a future public meeting. For environmental review information for this project, please contact Diana Robinson at (442) 265-1736.

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