



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Conservation's Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to adopt the draft Supplemental Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) for the Deep Rose Geothermal Exploration Project. In accordance with Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, this Notice is to inform responsible agencies and other interested parties of the availability of the ISMND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project. Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15105.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Deep Rose Geothermal Exploration Project by Deep Rose Geothermal, LLC. (Deep Rose) involves new drill activities necessary to construct and produce four new exploratory geothermal wells on the proposed sites within the Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area on federal lands, for a total disturbance equal to approximately 3.9 acres.

LOCATION: The proposed project is in Inyo County, California, approximately 13 miles south of Olancho, and within the Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area (Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, Township 21S, Range 38E, MD). The proposed project is not located on a site included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code 65962.5 [14 CCR §15072(g)(5)].

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The ISMND describes potentially significant impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazardous and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Mitigation measures have been included to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. All other resource areas evaluated were found to have no impact or to be less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft ISMND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning July 31, 2025, and ending September 2, 2025, pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15105. No public meetings are planned for the proposed project. Written comments should be submitted and received by August 27, 2025. Written comments should be sent to: California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), Attn: Deep Rose Geothermal Exploration Project, 715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814; or email comments to CEQA@conservation.ca.gov.



AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The ISMND is now available for public review at CalGEM 715 P Street, MS 18-03, Sacramento, CA 95814 during normal business hours. Additionally, the document is available for viewing on the following websites:

- CalGEM at <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/CEQA>, and
- Inyo County Clerk Recorder at <https://www.inyocounty.us/icContent/environmentalDocuments/>.

Per CEQA Guidelines, CEQA Notices and Documents are submitted to the SCH and are available for inspection on CEQAnet at the following link: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>.

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Dean Dusette (dean.dusette@conservation.ca.gov) and cc CEQA@conservation.ca.gov using Attn: Deep Rose Geothermal Exploration Project.

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