

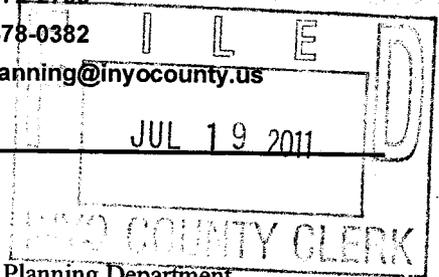


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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Addendum to Hydrologic Mitigation Monitoring Program (HMMP) for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2007-03/Coso Operating Company, LLC (the "Hay Ranch Water Extraction & Delivery System" project).
(SCH # 2007101002)

Project Applicant: Coso Operating Co., LLC, PO Box 1690, Inyokern, CA 93572
(Phone: 760-764-1300)

Project Location: The project extends from Coso's Hay Ranch property in Rose Valley, across Bureau of Land Management lands, to Coso's geothermal plant located in the northwest area of China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.

Project Description: The CUP project involves pumping water from two existing wells at Coso's Hay Ranch property in Rose Valley for injection into the Coso geothermal field. The CUP and HMMP for the project, which were permitted by the County in May of 2009 concurrently with certification of an associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR), require that after one year of groundwater pumping the groundwater model developed for the project be recalibrated and used to revise the groundwater level triggers, pumping rate, and duration of pumping for the project. Those recalibrations and revisions have been detailed by the Inyo County Water Department in an Addendum to the HMMP, which documents the work specified by the HMMP and presents baseline groundwater elevations, updated groundwater level triggers, pumping rates, and pumping duration. The recalibrated model incorporates information and observations from the first year of the project into the groundwater model as specified by the EIR, HMMP, and CUP, thereby improving model reliability and better representing the Rose Valley groundwater system's response to pumping. In updating the pumping rate, duration, and triggers, the same standards for assessing significant impacts were used as were used during the permitting process and as specified in the project EIR and HMMP. None of the requirements for a subsequent environmental document specified by CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 exist.

Project Action: The Inyo County Water Department issued the Addendum to the HMMP on April 1, 2011, consistent with the EIR, HMMP, and CUP. Mr. Thomas Scheinder appealed the issuance of the Addendum to the Planning Commission, which denied the appeal on June 1, 2011. Mr. Schneider subsequently appealed the Planning Commission's decision to the Board of Supervisors, which denied the appeal on July 19, 2011.

Project Contact Person: Joshua Hart, AICP, Planning Director, 760-878-0263

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

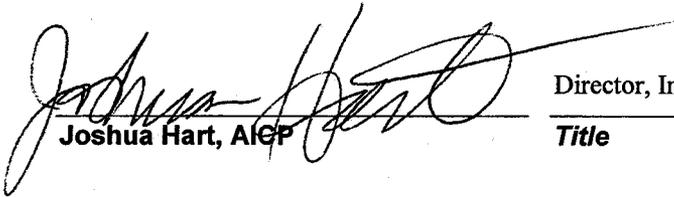
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Summary:

This is to advise that the Inyo County Water Department approved the HMMP Addendum on April 1, 2011. An appeal to the Planning Commission was filed by Mr. Schneider; the Planning Commission denied the appeal on June 1, 2011. Mr. Schneider subsequently appealed the Planning Commission's decision to the Board of Supervisors, which denied the appeal on July 19, 2011. The Board previously made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 No CEQA documents necessary for this application, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



Joshua Hart, AICP

Director, Inyo County Planning Dept.

July 19, 2011

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Date

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