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From (Public Agency): Inyo County Planning Department
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Deep Rose Geothermal Exploratory Project: CUP #2008-02/Deep Rose LLC & CUP #2011-03/Deep Rose LLC (SCH # 2005121125: a CEQA Negative Declaration for this project was filed by the lead agency, The California Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources [DOGGR], on March 28, 2006).

Project Applicant: Deep Rose Development LLC, 809 Broadway, Suite #3, Sonoma, CA 95476 (Phone: 707-938-3654)

Project Location: Section 16 of the Rose Valley-Coso Junction area (T21S, R38E); APN 037-500-03

Project Description:

The Deep Rose project is an exploratory well drilling project whose purpose is to locate and verify suspected geothermal resources within Section 16, northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and Coso Junction Road. The project proposes no production of geothermal power at this point – it is limited to the drilling of up to four exploratory wells only.

Although the California Department of Conservation-State Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) is acting as the lead agency for the project and prepared the CEQA for the project (SCH #205121125), two Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) are required from the County: one, for water transfer under Chapter 18.77 of Inyo County Code ("Water Transfer Ordinance"), as the project will need up to 50 acre feet of water to support drilling activities and dust suppression on access roads. The second CUP is for the overall exploratory geothermal drilling of the project, which Title 19 of Inyo County Code ("Geothermal Resource Development") provides for. The property is designated State & Federal Lands (SFL) under the Inyo County General Plan, and zoned Open Space, 40-acre minimum (OS-40) under the Inyo County Zoning Ordinance.

Project Action: Two Conditional Use Permits: CUP #2008-02/Deep Rose LLC & CUP #2011-03/Deep Rose LLC

Project Contact Person: Tanda Gretz, Planner, 760-878-0265

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

Summary: This is to advise that the Inyo County Planning Commission approved the above-described project on December 1, 2010, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described 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.

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☒ 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 Negative Declaration with comments and responses 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, and also with the lead agency for the project, the California Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), 801 K Street, MS 20-20, Sacramento, CA 95814-3530 (contact: Lindo Campion @ 916-324-1268).

Josh Hart, AICP	Director, Inyo County Planning Department	February 9, 2012
	Title	***Date***

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