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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Inyo County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, Independence, to consider the following project:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2007-03/COSO OPERATING COMPANY LLC

(“COSO HAY RANCH WATER EXTRACTION & DELIVERY SYSTEM”)

The proposed project involves pumping water from two existing wells at Coso’s Hay Ranch property in Rose Valley (adjacent to and east of Highway 395, just north of Coso Junction, and half mile south of Dunmovin) for injection into their geothermal field located within the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Center (CLNAWS). Water will be withdrawn from the wells at an average rate of 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm), or approximately 4,800 acre-feet per year. The water will be piped from the Hay Ranch property to the geothermal facility, a distance of 9 miles. The water pipeline will consist of a 20-inch diameter steel pipe, which will be buried for most of its length, and which will follow the general path of existing roads and associated rights of way. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is proposed for a period of 30 years.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application should appear at the public hearing or submit written correspondence to the Inyo County Planning Department (via email at inyoplanning@inyocounty.us; via fax at 760-878-0382; via mail at P.O. Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526). If there are general questions regarding this project, please contact the Inyo County Planning Department at 760-878-0263.