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Pursuant to the *Joint Order Partially Granting Applicants' Motion to Suspend and Further Orders* issued on March 20, 2025 ("March 20th Joint Order"),¹ Morton Bay Geothermal LLC ("the Applicant"), provides this *Status Report No. 19* describing any new project-related developments during the pendency of the suspension period for the Application for Certification ("AFC") proceeding of the Morton Bay Geothermal Project ("MBGP" or the "Project").

The Applicant continues to actively engage with the community regarding geothermal development in Imperial County, including:

- Chamber of Commerce for Greater Brawley honored BHE Renewables with 2025 Business of the Year for making tremendous impacts to Imperial Valley through their investments in renewable energy.
- Collaborated with the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge, Brawley Union High School, and Quechan Tribe on a revegetation project at the refuge.
- Contributed over 300 volunteer hours in Imperial County.

The Applicant continues to evaluate solicitations and engage with creditworthy, potential offtake customers while the Applicant evaluates the viability of geothermal development opportunities in the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area.

Status of Outstanding Information Items

On March 5, 2025, California Energy Commission Staff identified in its *Status Report # 17* the information items necessary to complete the Final Staff Assessment for the Project. The Applicant continues to progress on these items and provides the following updates:

¹ TN#: 262254.

- Salton Sea Impact Assessment:
 - An updated draft of the Salton Sea Impact Assessment was completed and is anticipated to be provided to the Imperial Irrigation District for review in October 2025.

The Applicant continues to work diligently to pursue advancement of the MBGP.

Dated: September 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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