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Pursuant to the *Joint Order Partially Granting Applicants' Motion to Suspend and Further Orders* issued on March 20, 2025 ("March 20<sup>th</sup> Joint Order"),<sup>1</sup> Morton Bay Geothermal LLC ("the Applicant"), provides this *Status Report No. 21* 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:

- BHE Renewables' Women in Renewable Energy employee group supported and coordinated sponsorships for Christmas at the Movies for the students at Calipatria Unified School District, and beneficiaries of WomanHaven and Court Appointed Special Advocates.
- Participated in California Energy Commission's monthly Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group meetings
- Supported and planted native trees for the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge Revegetation Project
- Improved the Hernandez Park ballfield in Calipatria, California for our Martin Luther King Jr. Day service project
- Read at Readers Are Leaders events at Dogwood Elementary School in Heber, California
- Packed food for the Imperial Valley Food Bank
- Participating in Imperial Valley College Foundation's President's Circle
- Sponsored and participated in the following local organizations and events:
  - 45th Annual Farmworker Appreciation Breakfast in the Imperial Valley;
  - Brawley Little League;
  - California Mid-Winter Fair;
  - Central Union High School Robotics Club;
  - Donors of Valley Endeavors Monte Carlo Night fundraiser;
  - Foundation for Education Annual Golf Tournament;
  - Frankie L. Chavez Memorial Scholarship;

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- Heber Tamale Festival;
- Imperial County Historical Society’s Pioneer Day;
- Imperial County Teachers Union’s 100 Days of School Event;
- Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation’s Annual fundraiser ;
- Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Air Show Gala;
- Imperial Valley Symphony Moonlight Serenade Benefit Gala;
- Imperial Valley Youth Soccer;
- North County Coalition of the Arts; and
- United Way’s Nite at the Races fundraiser.

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.

- The California Public Utilities Commission issued a final decision in Rulemaking 25-06-019 directing new resource procurement of approximately 6,000 megawatts of net qualifying capacity through 2032, which includes procurement specifically of 1,500 megawatts of long-duration storage or geothermal resources. However, the Applicant believes that Salton Sea geothermal resources would not be price competitive with long-duration storage.
- The Applicant continues to monitor the establishment of California’s central procurement entity through the Department of Water Resources, to evaluate procurement opportunities for the Project.
- As reported in *Status Report No. 18*, the interconnection request for the Project was withdrawn in June 2025. On March 16, 2026, the Applicant withdrew its Transmission Service request with the Imperial Irrigation District as the Imperial Irrigation District is beginning transmission service studies. The Imperial Irrigation District’s next interconnection cluster study is anticipated to open for applications in January 2027. The Applicant continues to evaluate its transmission interconnection options.

The Applicant is reviewing Imperial County’s draft Lithium Valley Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, which was released for public review on December 30, 2025. The Applicant anticipates providing public comments on the full report by the comment deadline of April 17, 2026.

