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Memorandum

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Subject: STATUS REPORT #8 FOR MORTON BAY GEOTHERMAL PROJECT (23-AFC-01)

The Presiding Member's Scheduling Order for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (MBGP) Proceeding (Scheduling Order) filed on September 15, 2023, orders the parties to file a status report on "October 31st, and by the last business day of every month thereafter." The California Energy Commission staff is further ordered to "include summaries of the progress of discovery in each monthly report, including descriptions of significant communications with other federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal governments, and identify any factors that may impact the schedule of the proceeding. Status reports shall also include a description of the outcome of any public workshop or other meeting held during that month."

The Committee Order Granting Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) Extensions (TN255664) filed to the project docket on April 12, 2024, having granted staff's request for time extension for publication of the MBGP PSA to June 25, 2024.

Summary of Progress of Discovery and Known Issues

Status of Data Requests/Responses:

On May 13, 2024, the applicant filed Wells Considered in Reservoir Simulation of Salton Sea Geothermal Field (TN 256320).

On May 29, 2024, the applicant filed Morton Bay Geothermal LLC Responses to Jobs to Move America Comments on the ICAPCD PDOC (TN 256578)

Factors That May Impact the Schedule

Staff is diligently working to publish the PSA by the deadline granted of June 25, 2024, and to otherwise follow the directives of the September 15, 2023, and the April 12, 2024, Scheduling Orders. Following publication, staff will continue to provide regular updates to the Committee.