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**UAW Comments on Elmore North Geothermal Project PSA** 

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# Public Scoping Meeting for the Lithium Valley Specific Plan Program EIR







### Public Scoping Meeting - Purpose

- Gain public input on the scope and content of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
- Significant Environmental Impacts
- Reasonable Alternatives
- Public Review Start Dec 7, 2023
- Public Review End Jan 12, 2024





#### **Project Timeline: Where Are We Now?**

Fall 2022 Project Initiation + Data Collection

Early 2023 Existing Condition Reports\*

Summer/Fall 2023 Land Use Alternatives\* and NOP

**Early 2024** Draft Specific Plan\*

**Early 2024** Draft PEIR Spring 2024 Public Review\*

Summer 2024 Final Specific Plan + Final PEIR

\* Includes community engagement

Notice of Preparation (NOP) for PEIR Scoping\*



Scoping Meeting\* and Public Comments on NOP

Public

Draft Specific Plan and Continue Public Outreach Program

Prepare



Based on NOP Responses prepare Admin and Draft PEIR



Notice of Availability for Draft PEIR - 45 Day Public Review\*



Prepare Responses to Comments



Prepare Final Specific Plan and PEIR

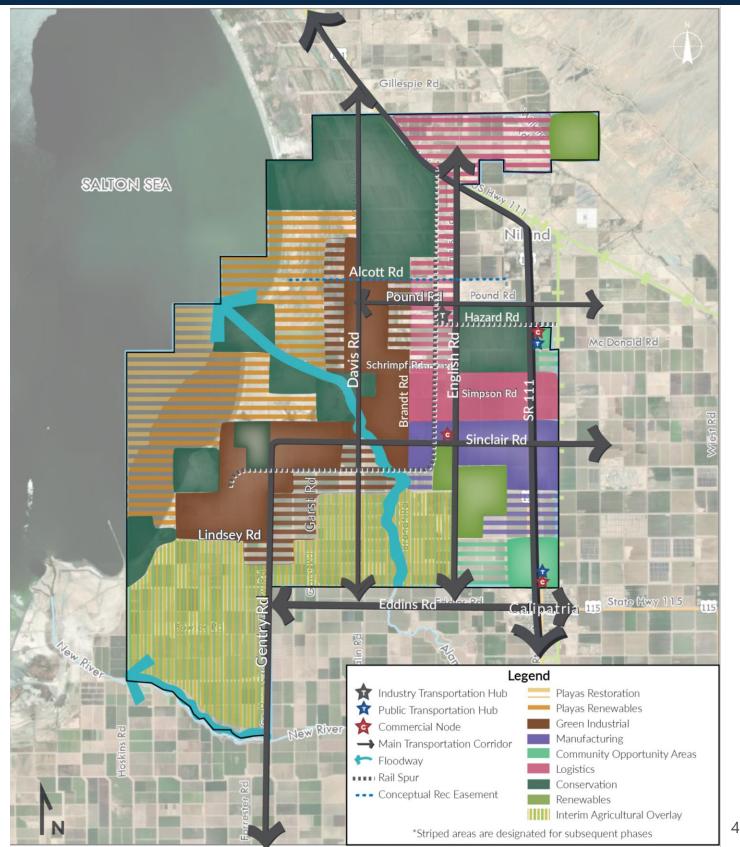


**BOS** Public Hearing to Certify PEIR\* and Approve Specific Plan

#### Scope Overview

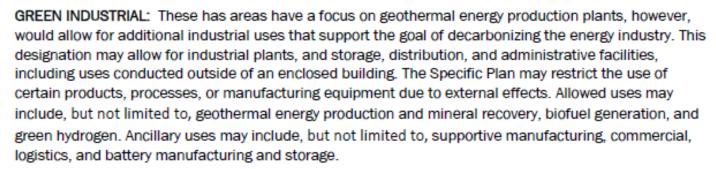
- Specific Plan for approximately 51,000 acres
- ~121 Million sq. ft. of buildings
- ~60,000 jobs
- ~93,000 acre-feet water consumption





#### Scope Overview

- Considers the existing conditions (baseline)
- Evaluates the impacts of the proposed land uses for Specific Plan Implementation



MANUFACTURING: This designation provides suitable industrial, office, and warehouse space for manufacturers of goods. Manufacturing may include compounding, processing, assembling, packaging, treatment or fabrication of materials and products such as electric vehicle batteries. Allowed uses may include, but not limited to, manufacturing, research and development, workforce training, industrial parks, and temporary construction housing. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal and mineral recovery, logistics, office, commercial, and battery storage.

**LOGISTICS**: The areas identified for Logistics provide suitable space for the warehousing and distribution that allows for a variety of suppliers and services. Logistics activities may include, but not limited to, logistic facilities, industrial transportation hubs, outdoor storage of trucks, trailers, and shipping containers, and temporary construction housing. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal and mineral recovery, manufacturing facilities, office, employee services and property management facilities.

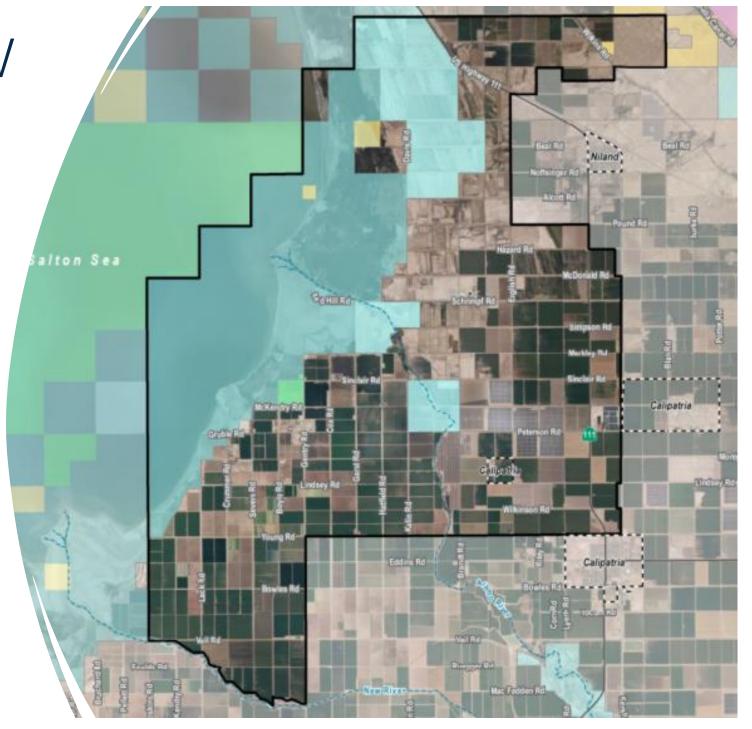
PLAYAS RENEWABLES: This designation recognizes the unique relationship to the Salton Sea and the possibly restrictive geologic conditions, including the clays and seismic activity. As such, geologic testing will be needed with any proposed structures within the Playas Renewables designation to determine the viability of development on the proposed site. This designation will require a certain percentage of the site be dedicated for dust suppression via natural vegetation and restoration techniques, beyond what is required to mitigated onsite surface impacts. Allowed uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal energy operations and mineral recovery, subsurface geothermal wells, pipes and mineral rights, habitat restoration, and dust suppression and public health mitigation projects. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, solar photovoltaics structures or floating structures (floatovoltaics).



PEIR Scope Overview

- Project Program EIR
  - All CEQA Topics to be addressed
  - Use types described in the Specific Plan addressed
  - Maximum envelopes evaluated
  - Alternatives
  - Cumulative Impacts
  - Growth
  - Intends to streamline future permitting





#### PEIR Scope Overview

- CEQA Topics
  - Aesthetics
  - Agriculture
  - Air Quality
  - Biological Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Energy
  - Geology and Soils
  - GHG Emissions
  - Hazards and HazardousMaterials

- Hydrology and Water
   Quality
- Land Use and planning
- Mineral Resources
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- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire





#### **Next Steps**

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Public Scoping Meeting Dec 14, 2023 6pm





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