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**NAME(s):** Chief Jesse Llanas

**DATE:** 11/20/2023

**TIME:** 10:30 am

**WITH:** Calipatria Fire Department

**SUBJECT:** Emergency and fire services, Salton Sea area of Imperial County

**COMMENTS:**

Jesse Llanas is the Fire Chief for the Calipatria Fire Department. (CFD). He confirmed that the 3 proposed BHE Renewables geothermal power plants located just SE of the Salton Sea would be in the Calipatria fire department's jurisdiction, and the CFD would be the primary responding fire department. Llanas did not think the proposed projects would significantly impact the CFD response times. Imperial County has a fire station in Niland, which is approximately equidistant to the 3 proposed project sites, so the response time for the CFD as the primary responder, or the ICFD as the automatic mutual aid agency, would be about the same – 15 to 20 minutes. Llanas was aware of a lithium recovery project (Hell's Kitchen geothermal power plant by Controlled Thermal Resources) also being built in his jurisdiction.

The CFD has a staffed station from 8 am to 6 pm and on-call staff for other hours of the day. The response times during the day or off hours is not significantly different, according to Llanas. Llanas said that the CFD would be responsible for review of some project emergency plans but the county would be responsible for other plan review (Andrew Loper, ICFD, for review and permits). The CFD would also train with the site staff.

Lastly, Llanas confirmed the need for secondary access to the power plant sites to allow emergency responders access to a site.

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