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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is available for public review for the following project:

Conditional Use Permit #2007-3/Coso Operating Co. LLC

The proposed project involves pumping water from two existing wells at Coso's Hay Ranch property in Rose Valley (adjacent to and east of Highway 395, just north of Coso Junction, and half mile south of Dunsmuir) for injection into their geothermal field located within the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Center (CLNAWS). Water will be withdrawn from the wells at an average rate of 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm), or approximately 4,800 acre-feet per year. The water will be piped from the Hay Ranch property to the geothermal facility, a distance of 9 miles. The water pipeline will consist of a 20-inch diameter steel pipe, which will be buried for most of its length, and which will follow the general path of existing roads and associated rights of way. The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is proposed for a period of 30 years.

The 45-day review period for this Draft Environmental Impact Report expires on September 6, 2008. During this period the public may make comments on the proposed project. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department's website (www.inyoplanning.org), the Planning Department's offices (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), and at all Inyo County Public Libraries. Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Planning Department, P. O. Drawer "L," Independence, CA 93526, faxed to 760-878-0382, or emailed to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us

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