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## PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inyo County Planning Department will hold a public comment meeting on Wednesday, August 20th, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Statham Hall, 138 N. Jackson Street, in Lone Pine. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a forum for the public to comment on the following:

## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR):

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2007-03/COSO OPERATING COMPANY LLC (COSO HAY RANCH WATER EXTRACTION, EXPORT, & DELIVERY SYSTEM)

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 Dunmovin) 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 Water will be withdrawn from the wells at an average rate of 3,000 gallons per minute (gpm), or approximately 4,800 acre-feet per year.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 draft EIR for the project is available for review at all County libraries, at the Inyo County Planning Department, and online at www.inyoplanning.org. The 45-day comment period on the draft EIR runs from July 22 to September 6, 2008.

The public is invited to attend this public comment meeting and offer input on the draft EIR and project, following a presentation by Planning Department staff. Alternatively, comments may also be made by mail to the Inyo County Planning Department, P.O. Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526, by fax to 760-878-0382, or by email to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us. If there is a need for further information prior to the meeting, please contact Inyo County Planning Department staff at 760-878-0263.