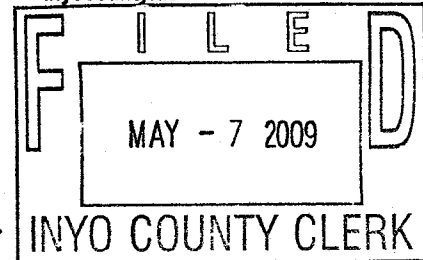




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Notice of Determination – Inyo County

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and section 15094 of the State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. § 15000 et seq.).

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit # 2007-03/Coso (“Hay Ranch Water Extraction and Delivery System Project”)

State Clearinghouse #: 2007101002

Project Applicant: Coso Operating Company LLC (“Coso”), P.O. Box 1690, Inyokern, CA 93527 (phone: 760-764-1300)

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Project Location (Include County): Within Inyo County. Wells located on the Coso Hay Ranch property, approximately 1.5 miles north of Coso Junction on the east side of U.S. Highway 395, with a connecting pipeline running from the wells eastward approximately nine-miles to the Coso geothermal facility located on the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.

Project Description: The project involves the issuance of a 30-year Conditional Use Permit to allow the pumping of water from two existing wells at Coso’s Hay Ranch property in the Rose Valley (adjacent to and east of Highway 3095, just north of Coso Junction, and half a mile south of Dunmovin) for injection into Coso’s geothermal field located within the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Center. Water will be withdrawn from the wells at an average rate of 3,000 acre-feet per year for approximately the first year, and 4,800 acre-feet per year thereafter. The water will be piped from the Hay Ranch property to the geothermal facility, a distance of approximately 9-