

## Notice of Decision by the California Energy Commission

**To: California Natural Resources Agency**      **From: California Energy Commission**  
**1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1311**                      **1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Sacramento, CA 95414**                              **Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1768

**Project Name:** Sonoma, Unit 3

**Docket Number: 80-AFC-1C**

**Contact Person:** Eric Veerkamp, Compliance Project Manager: **Phone: 916-661-8458**

**Project Location:** Sonoma Unit 3 is located at 10350 Socrates Mine Road, Sonoma County, California.

**Project Description:** Sonoma is a dry steam, 78-megawatt, geothermal power plant, originally licensed by the CEC in March 1981, with commercial operations commencing in December 1983.

**Modification Description:** The approved Petition to Amend the Commission Final Decision to modify the Sonoma Geothermal, Unit 3 permits the installation of a permanent standby diesel engine-powered pump for the cooling tower wet-down system. The approval also amends the air quality conditions of certification for the facility for consistency with the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District.

On October 14, 2020, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project change pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary for Natural Resources under section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, finding that:

- The petition meets all the filing criteria of Title 20, section 1769 (a), of the California Code of Regulations, concerning post-certification project modifications;
- The findings required by Title 20, California Code of Regulations, section 1748 (b) are not applicable to the project change;
- The project will continue to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and standards;
- With the implementation of staff's proposed changes to the Air Quality conditions of certification, there would be no new or additional unmitigated significant environmental impacts associated with the project change; and
- The updated Air Quality conditions of certification reflect changes made by the relevant Air District and would harmonize the CEC's license with the Air District's permit.

The Commission docket files containing the Final Commission Decision, the staff analysis, and other information regarding the project are open to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. This information is also available on the Energy Commission's webpage

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**Signature**

November 17, 2020

**Date**

Project Manager

**Title**

**CNRA:**