



Resolution Adopted by the
Geothermal Resources Council
Board of Directors

Statement of Support for the
Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative

Whereas California has substantial geothermal resources and the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area (SSKGRA) is one of the greatest opportunities for new geothermal energy development in the United States;

Whereas development of the SSKGRA will create thousands of construction jobs and hundreds of permanent jobs and will bring other substantial economic benefits to Southern California;

Whereas expansion of geothermal power generation throughout all of California will support and facilitate higher levels of renewable power production needed to achieve the state's Renewable Portfolio Standards goals;

Whereas geothermal power provides consumers affordable, long-term electric price stability through a renewable baseload fuel supply that does not fluctuate;

Whereas geothermal power production supports California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expansion will enable the state to achieve its future emission reductions goals;

And, whereas the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative would significantly expand geothermal power production, enhance environmental quality, provide economic benefits, and support species habitat conservation;

THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Geothermal Resources Council adopts the following resolution.

The Geothermal Resources Council

- 1) Supports the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative, and
- 2) Pledges to work collaboratively to achieve the goals of the Initiative, and
- 3) Calls upon state and local officials to take the actions necessary to achieve the goals of the Initiative, and
- 4) Calls upon the Governor to direct the California Public Utilities Commission to mandate expanding geothermal power in the state with the goal of having policies in place by the end of the year to support the expansion of 500 MW and ultimately achieve no less than 1,700 MW of new geothermal power production as envisioned by the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative.

Adopted March 31, 2014

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Louis E. Capuano, Jr., President, GRC