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Lucerne Valley's DRECP response. (also attached).

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RE: DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012, Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01

LUCERNE VALLEY IS INCLUDED WITHIN AND SURROUNDED BY "DESERT FOCUS AREAS" IN ALL ALTERNATIVES.

DRECP reps. have neither consulted with us nor have held any local/regional meetings. The August 8 comment deadline does not provide adequate time for substantive responses. We can only surmise that's the intent.

Said DFA's trump and violate both Lucerne Valley's Community Plan and San Bernardino County's General Plan – constituting a significant adverse impact on our community's current and future land-uses – potentially eliminating "real" economic progress. Utility-scale "renewables" are so heavily subsidized that they cannot economically operate on their own – yet will displace other land-uses that can. The acreage requirement per solar/wind MW is a poor tradeoff of desert resources within the total mix of energy options.

BLM and State "Fast tracking" – and energy planning - w/o local involvement - are un-raveling a multitude of conservation efforts that citizens and BLM have spent decades implementing. We're screwing up the integrity of the Calif. Desert - partitioning it out w/o a comprehensive plan - losing the "whole" of it by giving away its "parts".

Adopt policy: Fill up rooftops - parking lots with solar - where necessary transmission and infrastructure exists - (which alone would substantially meet "renewable goals") - before considering any use of the DRECP's "zoned" lands.

EXTEND THE COMMENT PERIOD – SEND A REP. TO THE LUCERNE VALLEY – JOHNSON VALLEY – HOMESTEAD VALLEY - MORONGO VALLEY REGION AND LET'S TALK.