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**Subject:** DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012

Please accept this email as my **opposition** to the proposal to include the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area as a "Development Focus Area" for large scale, wind and solar power generation plants. This plan disregards the fact that the California Desert Tortoise, our State reptile and a species that has survived since the age of the dinosaurs, has seen an unprecedented decrease of numbers over merely the last 25 years and is now an endangered species. The Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area has been carefully created and maintained by a diverse group of Californians and introduction of your plan in this area disregards the mitigation funds used to purchase much of the land within the DTRNA and reverses over forty years of policy and expenditures to protect the habitat for the desert tortoise and other sensitive species. Our deserts are not "deserted" and the remaining delicate ecosystems count on human beings to protect it with integrity and foresight.

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Thank you,

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