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Re: Draft DRECP document and related Environmental Impact Report/Statement

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have read the January 16, 2015 letter to you from the Alliance for Desert Preservation, and we join in the objections stated therein. There is a big logical disconnect between (1) The stated purpose of the DRECP, which focuses strictly on a plan for renewable energy and related conservation concerns in the DRECP area, and (2) The apparent intent that the DRECP drive a wholesale Land Use Plan Amendment for the entire CDCA area. The Federal Register notice does not clear up this confusion, thus tainting the entire public comment process.

The solution is to publish a much clearer notice, and restart the public comment period.

We also want to request that the DRECP committee included a formal study and evaluation of using rooftop Solar Power systems as an alternate to the proposed DRECP. Recent studies have concluded that a network of rooftop solar systems can easily provide the same or more power into the California power grids than the DRECP project. A key example is the fact that Germany generates 40,000 megawatts of power from its rooftop solar systems!

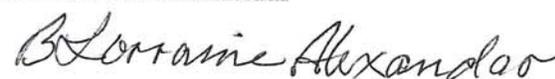
We also agree with the Alliance for Desert Preservation that the public cannot make informed comments about the DRECP until a reasonable time after the WEMO plan has been made public.

We appreciate your serious consideration of these points.

Sincerely,

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