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I've lived in the Hi-Desert towns of Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Pioneertown and Landers since 1984. I've been a business owner and I'm now retired. I've loved the wildlife and starry skies, and I don't want to see this area get anymore polluted than it already is. I'm concerned about helping agencies and counties support a plan that protects wildlife and night skies.

This conservation needs to be done in the right places and be scientifically-based, measurable, verifiable and show continued progress to ensure the long-term health of species and eco-systems.

I oppose "grandfathered" harmful projects on our most sensitive lands including in the SODA MOUNTAIN area.

DRECP needs to reexamine the planning assumption for 20,000 MW to be sited in the desert.

Renewable energy development should be focused in well planned, lower impact zones (DFAs) in areas that do NOT disrupt

wildlife habitat connectivity, or jeopardize homeowners and business investments.

Renewable energy development also should implement tiered development of DFA's that prioritizes using the lowest conflict areas of DFA's + utilizes the least amount of acreage for real estate projects that will meet our States Goals.

This should be accompanied by a plan with incentives for homeowners, businesses, and local government.

The local community plan must ensure municipal + county leaders have a seat at the table in making decisions, and carried out in an open, transparent public process with full public participation.

Places that require conservation in the prefered alternative of the DRECP:

Active Sand Dunes
Cadiz Valley / Iron Mountains
Danby Lake
Desert Tortoise Natural Area (ACEC)
Joshua Tree Woodland Habitat

I am a registered San Bernardino County voter.

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