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Dear San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos and D.R.E.C.P. Executive Director Chris Beale. My name is Randy West. For the past ten years, I've been blessed to live in Landers, California, located in the Morongo Basin area of San Bernardino County, California. I own two properties in the area. Recently I've seen several large scale "Solar Farms" develop or being developed. Several issues concern me about the process these power generating facilitys are developed. First, property values are sure to go down. Most of the areas being developed are located in areas zoned R L (RL) Rural living, the designation or location of my two properties. Had I known this type of development would be permitted, I might not of bought property in this area. Second, the way the developer trys to sell the project. Presentations are full of lies and deception. If someone doesn't hold the developer accountable, and make sure rules and guidelines are followed we all lose. Third, when I developed my properties I had to go through a rather extensive permit process. But apparently in the "Solar Farm business you don't even need a permit. This is what was happening at the "solar farm" project known as Bowman Solar located in Landers. This project was "Red Flagged" recently and is currently under appeal. Many other issues come to mind. Tourism, enviromental, health effects, water concerns, just to name a few. Also, let me add I'm not anti-solar. I have roof-top mounted panels at my home and are very impressed so far. I reference the sites included in attachment 2. These are special places in the state of California. Lets work together to get solar right in California, not ruin it.

Thank you for reading this letter. I suspect the DRE.C.P. is subject to the same ignorance.

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Attachment 2. Places that require conservation in the Preferred Alternative of the DRECP

Active sand dunes
Avawatz Mountains (including "Bowling Alley")
Big Maria Mountains and surrounding flats
Bristol Lake (excluding mineral leasing and salt mining areas)
Cadiz Valley/Iron Mountains
Chuckwalla Bench
Coso Range area (including Olancha Dunes - not including OHV area)
Danby Lake
Desert Tortoise Natural Area (ACEC)
Eagle Mountain
Existing critical habitat
Joshua tree woodland habitat
Lower Centennial Flat
Lucerne Valley wildlife linkages
Malpais Mesa (including northwestern Talc City Hills, Santa Rosa flat & Conglomerate Mesa)
Microphyll woodlands
Morongo Basin wildlife linkages
Mule Mountains
Orocopia Mountains area
Palen Lake
Pinto Mountains area
Pisgah Valley (ACEC)
Red Mountain
Riparian areas
Riverside Mountains area
Rodman Mountains area (lands abutting existing Wilderness)
Rose Valley/McCloud Flat (area in DFA)
Sacramento Mountains
Silurian Valley (including BLM Special Analysis Area and additional acreage)
Slate Range
Soda Mountains – south slope
Sperry Hills/Kingston Range
Tehachapi Mountains and Southern Sierras – areas of conservation interest
Valley Mountain
Vidal
Wildlife Linkages
Whipple Mountains area