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DRECP acting Executive Director
James Ramos
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Dear Sirs,

The DRECP draft targets 20,000 megawatts solar generation but fails to analyze where California at meeting that target. How can we know what we need to do to meet a target if we fail to measure where we are currently and that measurement needs to include to include rooftop and distributed generation.

The current DRECP Plan fails to include alternatives such as rooftops, commercial buildings and parking lot solar. Distributed generation, energy efficiency, and the siting of renewable energy on brownfield sites should be fully implemented prior to developing large industrial solar farms.

The most effective way for renewable energy developement is to focus on point-of-use, energy efficiency and solar energy alternatives, these are far more effective and avoids building and maintaining hundreds of miles of new transmission lines that cause their own very significant enviromental problems.

Broad economical benefits can be derived from reducing electricity usage and demand rather than adding high cost large-scale remote utility projects with long transmission lines

We now have well documented evidence of the serious problems that arise from large scale projects. We need to step back, review where we are in attaining our 20,000 Megawatt goal and then plan the least destructive alternative.

Sincerely,
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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