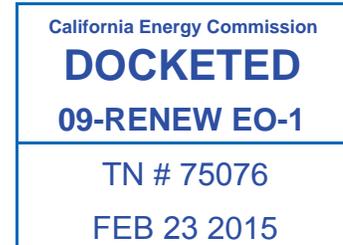


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California Energy Commission
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1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA



RE: DRECP NEPA/CEQA

I am writing with great concern regarding the above plan to significantly alter the Mojave Desert. As an employed, tax paying resident of Lucerne Valley, I am concerned that my custom home will become worthless as the surrounding beautiful desert is irrevocably and negatively changed. I am also concerned that the wildlife, Big Horn Sheep, etc., will slowly disappear from the area and perhaps completely lose their habitats.

I am opposed to any plan that forces San Bernardino County to provide 53 percent of the future power needs of the State of California as our geographical "fair share" contribution. ***An area should not be deemed worthless simply because of a parsity of human population. It should also not be assumed that the population of the desert is unemployed and uneducated and therefore financially disenfranchised and powerless to fight the powers that be.*** I personally have a MA, a high income and in addition to my home in Lucerne Valley, a thriving business in Apple Valley.

I was not born in the High Desert. I moved here to be away from the big city and to enjoy a rural lifestyle. This was at considerable expense. I had to provide for my own well and septic system and invested in a windmill to offset energy costs and to support my personal belief in a greener way of life. I am currently considering a solar component. However, I have recently learned that the energy conservation measures that I, and others, have installed are not counted in the general percentage of power that our area is now going to be required to generate. **Why is that?** The following are more questions:

Why is San Bernardino County being asked to generate 53 percent of the entire requirement for the entire state of CA?

Why is this rare and beautiful desert going to be decimated to provide power for energy hogs elsewhere?

Why has the decision been made to remove recreation areas from the many that enjoy them and therefore force out of business all those who service the recreational and tourist industries? This will significantly reduce our tax base which will reduce tax revenues to the county and the state.

Why was this enormous project moved from the federal lands, as originally planned and moved onto private lands? This appears to be designed as a money making opportunity for a few who currently own these private lands and a deliberate attempt to force out the home owners and businesses in those areas as the land would become unlivable. The visual landscape would be industrial, the noise unbearable and the dust and contaminates unmeasurable.

Alternative energy generation methods must be considered. An alternative could be point-of-use energy generation (rooftops or carports in business areas). Why not create a firm plan to improve efficiency capacity, shade urban sprawl with solar PV and install micro-grids where communities produce their own electricity and build their own local bank of power? Let every community be responsible for their own power creation along with the ability to design incentives that will entice the population to comply. Do not force those of us with the means and ability to move to another state where our voices will be heard and treated with respect. I am a native Californian and want to live here. Please don't force me, and many others, to leave.

Respectfully,

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