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Hello,

Please accept these comments reflecting my personal views on the DRECP, written as the clock strikes midnight on February 23rd.

This plan is completely flawed at its very core. It assumes that building utility-scale solar in the desert is a viable solution to our climate change woes. Doing so simply perpetuates our current energy paradigm of environmentally destructive production in rural areas remote from load centers.

The undeveloped Mojave and Colorado Deserts is not an appropriate place for utility-scale renewable energy. Period.

It belongs in cities, on rooftops, parking lots, canals, etc. But the CEC at the behest of the utilities is attempting to ramrod this plan through while disincentivizing rooftop solar and similar projects.

So take your DFAs, and your FAAs, and your SAAs, and your variance lands, and get rid of the whole lot. Go back to the drawing board, come up with a plan that incentivizes local energy production while disincentivizing environmentally destructive, costly boondoggles in the middle of the open desert.

I support National Conservation Lands status for all Public Lands within the California Desert Conservation Area. This was the intent of FLPMA- to designate this desert as a special conservation area. Let it be so. Designate the Mojave and Colorado Deserts as National Conservation Lands.

Please eliminate the Charleston View DFA and Silurian Valley SAA.

At 11:59,
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