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To Chris Beale, DRECP Acting Executive Director and San Bernardino  
Supervisor James Ramos

While I have lived in Twentynine Palms for only a short time, my reasons for choosing to reside here include the healthy environment, community acceptance of the importance of wild life and plant conservation, clear big skies and breathable air, and strong community commitment.

In relation to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan draft, I hope that you will strongly consider the following:

1. To look more closely at the presumption that the desert is the appropriate place for 20,000 MW generation. Point of source is always more energy efficient, and spreads the responsibility across the state. Rooftops and parking lots are such sites.
2. Conservation of species and natural communities need to be long lasting, adequately funded and enforceable. See the attached list for areas to be included.
3. Since the purpose of the plan is to combat climate change, it's especially important that wildlife corridors critical to species movement not be disconnected.

As John Muir said, everything is connected; so big picture planning for all of California - not segments - is essential. The desert has been exploited too long. An effective plan needs to address the quality of life for human and wildlife communities, as well as the development of renewable energy.

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