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Testimony at a September Desert Advisory Meeting from a knowledgeable citizen highlighted the opinion by many knowledgeable renewable professionals that the Renewable Portfolio Standard is out of date. Paul Douglas, the originator of the RPS commented in August 2014 that the RPS Calculator, which was adapted in 2009, fails to address the reality of energy generation in this decade. The Desert Advisory Commission's Subgroup on the DRECP, in concentrating on examining the purpose and need of the DRECP mandates, found that the data used for the RPS is out of date, and further that the 33% goal for renewable energy generation in CA has been met.

Comments from lead agency (e.g. Kern County) and professionals (e.g. Mr. Paul Douglas) indicate that the 20,000 MW target has been met in some areas, and further, that the 20,000 MW target does not consider the successful conservation efforts that have been undertaken by the California taxpayers who are essentially underwriting (along with the citizens of the US) the subsidies for these renewable operators on public lands.

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