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Mr. Roger Johnson
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Programmatic Agreement Working Group Meeting Notification

Dear Mr Johnson:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is continuing our efforts to inform and consult with the California Energy Commission regarding the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The BLM has previously notified and provided information about the proposed project and invited the California Energy Commission to become a consulting party in the development of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

In January 2015, the BLM held consulting party meetings for the development of the PA for the DRECP. At these meetings, the BLM proposed developing a working group whose members would directly participate in developing the draft PA. Once complete, the draft PA would then be distributed to all of the consulting parties for review. At the January meetings, or at a later time, the California Energy Commission indicated that they would be interested in participating in the working group and could dedicate the time necessary to developing the draft PA.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the BLM will convene a working group meeting for the DRECP in Barstow on **Thursday, May 7, 2015**, beginning at 9:00 AM. The location of the meeting is:

BLM Barstow Field Office
2601 Barstow Road
Barstow CA 92312
(760) 252-6000

The purpose of the working group meeting is to begin developing the draft PA for the DRECP and to discuss the manner by which the BLM will conclude its responsibilities pursuant to Section 106. The working group consulting party meeting will be held from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. If you are unable to attend the meeting, a telephone conference service may be made available. Please let us know if you wish to participate by telephone conference.

In the meantime, if you have any other questions or concerns about the DRECP, please do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Arend, Archaeologist, by telephone at (916) 978-4677, or by E-mail at DRECP106@blm.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding the DRECP.

Sincerely,

Tom Pogacnik
Deputy State Director, Natural Resources