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> I participated in the webinar on RETI 2.0 for 3.25 hours until I had to go to work. I was encouraged that others made many of

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> the same comments I was unable to make due to time restrictions. Let me make them now.

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> Utility scale renewable energy projects generally are not economical. We taxpayers have to subsidize them in order for them to

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> be built and then to keep them in operation.

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> Utility scale renewable energy projects also damage the environment. When large acreage is scraped, wind and water erosion

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> become major problems. Unhealthy dust becomes a problem, along with sand dunes, along with flood damage due to soils that

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> no longer act like sponges and waterways that are diverted.

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> Real estate values tend to drop sharply on property valuable for residences and businesses due to the blight of ugly industrial

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> structures, noise, dust, and in some cases, traffic patterns. This becomes a social injustice of the rich stealing from the poor, as

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> the wealthy investorsâ€™ projects devalue nearby parcels in which people have invested their life savings. The investors make a fast

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- > buck and the home and business owners now own property worth considerably less. Some will even go bankrupt and be unable to
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- > to sell their properties, unless they do so at a great loss.
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- > The views and unique wildlife, which many of us hold so dear, are destroyed and/or displaced.
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- > On top of all these negatives: We are in a severe drought. Industrial scale utility projects easily consume up to 977,000 of
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- > water per acre to construct. We can't afford to waste our limited water on such ill advised projects.
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- > Now, let me make positive comments of what we are already doing right, is affordable, is good for the economy, is good for the
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- > environment, is good for the State, the Counties, the Country, and the home or business owner. Point of use solar distributed
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- > generation on homes, businesses, and government buildings is generally well accepted and non offensive.
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- > Encourage the implementation of AB811 to provide low-interest loans for point of use solar installations and tax credits to
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- > encourage all private property owners to install systems on their properties. Award incentives to investors and contractors to build
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- > to zero net construction standards now and not wait until 2020.
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- > Be sure distributed generation output estimates are included in the State mandated renewable energy targets.
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- > Economics are pushing MANY of us to go solar. We're installing it at our business and at home. So we're putting our money
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- > where our mouth is. I know MANY of our customers and neighbors who want to do the same. Let's develop RETI 2.0 to make this
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- > happen. If this trend continues, and it will, since more of us are unable to keep up with quickly rising power bills, California, and the
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- > nation will soon have a SURPLUS of energy available.

For feet-on-the-ground input, please include these groups in your stakeholders group: Mojave Communities Conservation

Collaborative, Alliance For Desert Preservation, Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association, and California Desert

Coalition. The Mojave Desert communities need a strong hearing in the planning of our State's renewable energy future.

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> Thank you for listening, Bill Lembright

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