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Dear California RETI Decisionmakers,

We urge you to stop proposing ever-expanded remote sited solar/renewable energy sprawl and more mega-transmission lines. Instead, please refocus to the following to protect our public lands, wildlife, and the west's Open Spaces:

We request a high energy-efficiency future, which would require much less utility-scale solar projects and large transmission lines.

Increase net-metering and consider feed-in-tariffs to allow more people to obtain rooftop solar. Request that Distributed Energy Resources be given much more analysis in high-level planning.

Use advanced transmission technology on existing transmission lines, such as advanced conductors that would be able to increase the electricity carried on existing lines, before building new transmission lines.

Ask that RETI make public the planning process for environmental, cultural, and land use implications for the 50% RPS planning process, and analyze how the DG alternative would have much less impacts to deserts, viewsheds, local communities, and cultural and biological resources.

Ask that the Riverside East Solar Energy Zone, Imperial Valley solar Development Focus Areas, Victorville-Barstow area, and West Mojave/Antelope Valley/Tehachapi area not be used for further utility-scale renewable energy development due to unacceptable impacts to culturally significant landscapes, local communities, and biological resources.

Request that the Lassen County CA wildlands full of sagebrush plains, volcanic mountains, and pronghorn antelope herds not be used for utility-scale wind projects or new transmission corridors, especially in view of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

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