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**THE KERN AUDUBON SOCIETY**

March 20, 2009

California Energy Commission Docket Unit  
ATT: Docket Unit 08-AFC-2  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-4  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

***RE: Application for Certification for the Beacon Solar Energy Project***

To Whom It May Concern:

The Kern Audubon Society is a part of Californian Audubon and national Audubon. The chapter's borders include all of Kern County, including the eastern portion represented by the above project.

The Kern Audubon Society supports the request for additional data in regard to the above project. We support the claim by the California Unions for Reliable Energy (CURE) that additional data is needed in order to perform an accurate assessment of the environmental actions that will occur with regards to the siting the solar project.

With regards to burrowing owl surveys, more information is needed as to location of owl sites, location of roads, and the precise protocol used to gain information, especially with regard to time spent in the surveys.

With regards to desert tortoise survey, we request additional data is needed in regards to transect spacing employed in the surveys and time spent on surveys.

We hope that this request for additional information will be granted and available to the public prior to the certification hearing by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Harry Love  
Conservation Chair  
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Bakersfield, CA 93314