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Panel Discussion: Policy Perspectives -Using Interactive Data Platforms to Support Collaborative Planning

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Landscape-Scale Energy Planning Processes

- Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
- Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)
- San Joaquin Valley Least Conflict Lands for Solar PV
- RETI 2.0
- California Offshore Wind Energy

Science-Based Planning

Use of high-quality science results in –

- Policy implementation in a fully informed manner
- Effective and efficient planning
- Empowered decision making for:
 ✓ Natural resource conservation and management
 - Smart development for sustainable communities and economies



RETI 2.0 Environmental and Land Use Technical Group

Report Recommendations and Next Steps:

- Assemble accurate and representative datasets, keep them available online for use by the agencies, stakeholders, and the public.
- Periodically update and work to fill data gaps to provide a basic set of information that can be used as an input to agency planning and regulatory processes.
- Agencies and stakeholders should work together to complete the Environmental Report Writer that uses the data in landscape-scale planning processes so that the data and information could be easily used in planning and decision making.



2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update

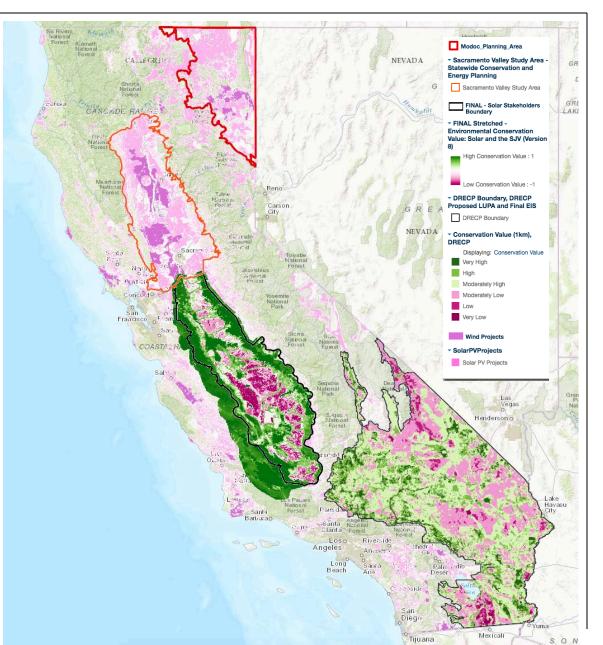
Recommendations for Statewide Energy Planning and Permit Coordination:

- Continue to apply proactive tools and approaches like landscape-scale planning, to help meet renewable energy and GHG reduction goals.
- Integrate information gathered and produced from energy planning efforts, including DRECP, San Joaquin Valley Identification of Least Conflict Lands, and the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) to inform energy planning.
- Expedite permitting of the highest priority transmission projects.



Statewide Energy Planning

- Focused on Areas with Renewable Energy Resources
- Evaluate with a Consistent set of Data Elements





Available Soon on **Data Basin**

Access to:

Project Gateways

Gateways

- Logic Models
- Applications

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE ENERGY GATEWAY Get Started Explore Create My Workspace About the California Statewide Energy Gateway This gateway brings together energy planning related information and applications across California, and serves as a launchpad for accessing additional gateways and applications for specific planning processes. California Statewide Energy Planning ENERGY RELATED GATEWAYS ENERGY RELATED APPLICATIONS Desert Renewable Energy Conservation California Climate Console Plan Gateway The climate console is a web application The DRECP Gateway was creatd to support final development of the Desert Renewable Energy designed for exploring climate change projections for a selected area of interest. Conservation Plan. It will be used to engage and inform all interested parties about ongoing planning and management issues in the California desert. Other applications currently under development. Renewable Energy Transmission 2.0 Gateway The Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Gateway supports the public process of identifying potential transmission that could access and integrate renewable energy with the most environmental, economic, and community henefits California Offshore Wind Energy The Offshore Renewable Wind Energy Gateway assembles geospatial information on ocean wind resources, ecological and natural resources, ocean commercial and recreational uses and **Applications** community values. This information will help identify areas off of California that are potentially suitable for wind energy generation.

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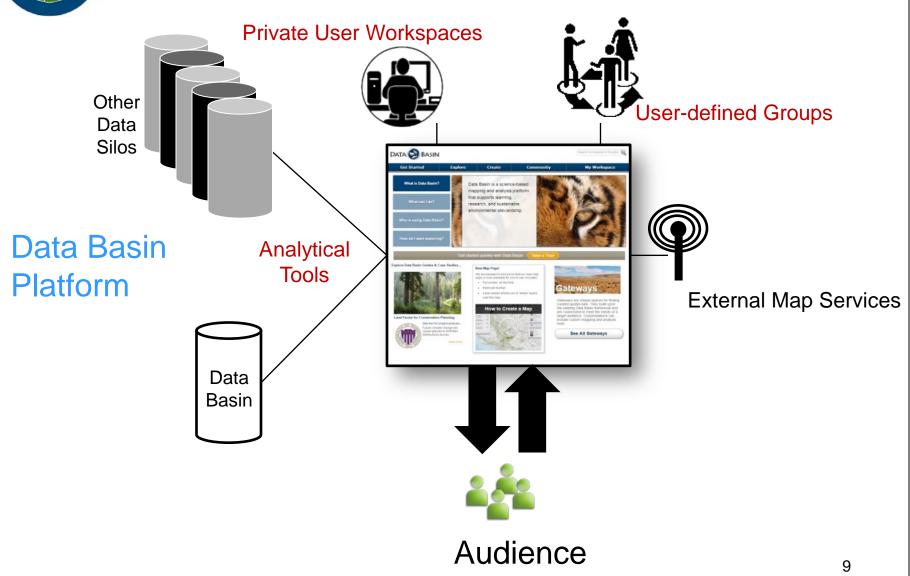
The Platform

Data **Basin Services**

Ecological Models









Questions for the Policy Panel

- 1. How do geospatial planning tools and access to quality data sets and information help promote renewable energy development and assist conservation and local planning efforts?
- How should this information be used to best assist planning efforts and improve collaboration, stakeholder participation and the quality and transparency of decisions?
- 3. How can interactive data platforms be deployed and improved to best support a variety of planning efforts?