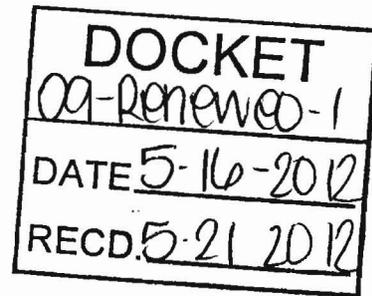


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Gentlemen:

Just recently we learned of your Desert Renewable Energy Conservation plan regarding the 25,000 acres at El Mirage Dry Lake to develop a solar and wind generation plant. Please be aware that these acres have been used for a wide variety of recreation such as land speed racing, wind surfers, off-road vehicles, rock hounds and lighter-than-air planes.

The Southern California Timing Association has been using and caring for the lakebed since 1937 and just recently formed a partnership with the BLM and Friends of El Mirage to repair and improve the facility. Additionally, the SCTA requires all members follow all BLM requirements to ensure the safety and conservation of this area.

It has been proven that other desert areas that have been turned over to energy plant developments have resulted in the loss of endangered wildlife such as the desert tortoise, the desert fox and the desert flora. This lakebed is fragile and needs less activity to help it heal from the extended drought, not more.

Please consider this area as endangered. Although we need to find other sources of energy, it seems to us that using El Mirage for this activity would be counter-productive to "going green".

Sincerely,

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