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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:26 PM  
**To:** Energy - Docket Optical System  
**Subject:** DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012

California Energy Commission

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**09-RENEW EO-1**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 9:04 PM  
**To:** Energy - Docket Optical System  
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Thank you for your consideration and please remember that this decision will permanently affect the native species and character of the California desert forever!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 07, 2012 4:35 PM  
**To:** Energy - Docket Optical System

Please do not develop in the Morongo Basin. All of the land that is "developed" ruins our economy which is tourist based and relies heavily on the viewshed with its sense of vastness. It is an American Heritage that would be spoiled.

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I am a water conservation consultant who has worked to protect resources in small desert communities for the past eight years. I have some serious concerns about DRECP plans for the Morongo Basin and its surrounding communities, where there is a long heritage of commitment and action to protect desert lands. This area comprises a unique collection of high-desert small towns and communities nestled among conserved lands: Joshua Tree National Park, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Pioneertown Mountains Preserve, and Bighorn Mountain Wilderness. In addition, these communities have pitched in their own money to acquire lands identified for protection, purchasing private lands and gifting them to Joshua Tree National Park.

I am particularly concerned that Alternatives 3 and 5, polygon 11, will undermine local conservation efforts. This geography is a foundational element of the area's quality of life and economic base. Our economy is significantly based on tourists who come to see pristine desert with huge vistas and stunning wildflower displays. I expect that disturbance of fragile soil crusts by industrial-scale solar and wind developments will result in intrusion of invasive plants such as Sahara mustard, that are a serious threat to as-yet intact desert ecosystems. While I support the effort to develop renewable energy in general, I believe that the siting of such development in locations like the Morongo Basin and its surrounding area would have serious impacts on our quality of life and to the tourism-based economy.

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I strongly urge you to consider a scenario that does not develop renewable energy in the high-desert, tourism-based communities. I encourage adoption of Alternative 1 after first deleting the variance lands or adoption of Alternative 2.

Deborah Bollinger

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**Subject:** DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25 2012

SUBJECT: DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012, Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01

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Sincerely

Bernard Leibov

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Respectfully,

Ronald and Michelle Reitenauer

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**From:** Russell Betts [rbetts@cityofdhs.org]  
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**To:** Energy - Docket Optical System  
**Subject:** DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012 - Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01

SUBJECT: DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012, Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the July 25, 2012, renewable energy development alternatives of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). I am writing regarding the Morongo Basin and its surrounding communities that are of critical economic benefit to our city.

Threats to undo conservation of these important areas is a serious concern for me. Our city's economy is significantly based on tourists who come to see the desert and then find our city and its natural mineral water spas. Desert Hot Springs is frequently mentioned as a destination after a visit to the Morongo basin.

In recent years, the spotlight has been shone on the high desert as a place for development of renewable energy projects. I support renewable energy but believe we need smart siting of such development. Destroying the Morongo Basin and its surrounding area is not smart. It will be disastrous to both the local lifestyle and our city's tourism-based economy.

It is for that reason our city joined with many others across Southern California and in the Coachella Valley to oppose a project by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power called Green Path North that represented ill-sited transmission lines.

The July 25 published scenarios of the DRECP were surprising. I am very disturbed and oppose the scenarios siting solar and wind development in the Morongo Basin on BLM lands next to Joshua Tree National Park and in undeveloped backcountry surrounding Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Pioneertown Mountains Preserve, and Bighorn Mountain Wilderness.

The DRECP process must involve some outreach to affected communities, including the city of Desert Hot Springs. There have been no workshops or meetings held in the Morongo Basin area. This region has received no communication of any kind even though we are severely impacted.

Further, the alternative maps have changed with little or no explanation. The changes have not allowed ample time for thoughtful public comment. Considering the long-term effect of the plan, the comment period must be extended beyond the August 8 deadline.

I urge you to consider a scenario that does not develop renewable energy in the high-desert, tourism-based communities. I encourage adoption of Alternative 1 after first deleting the variance lands or adoption of Alternative 2. I strongly encourage you to open the public process to involve those most affected.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Wendy Hadley [wendyhadley@me.com]  
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**Subject:** DRECP Alternative Scenarios of July 25, 2012, Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the July 25, 2012, renewable energy development alternatives of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

I am a resident in Pioneertown, CA, and I am writing regarding the Morongo Basin and its surrounding communities, including my own, where there is a long heritage of commitment and action to protect desert lands. This area is a unique collection of high-desert small towns and communities nestled amongst conserved lands: Joshua Tree National Park, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, Pioneertown Mountains Preserve, and Bighorn Mountain Wilderness. In addition, our communities have pitched in own money to acquire lands identified for protection, purchasing private lands and gifting them to Joshua Tree National Park.

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I urge you to extend the period for public comment. I urge you to consider a scenario that does not develop renewable energy in the high-desert, tourism-based communities. If forced to have to work with what exists, I encourage adoption of Alternative 1 after first deleting the variance lands, or adoption of Alternative 2.

Do you have a mailing list to inform citizens of your actions? I would appreciate it if you would keep me informed of your actions following this public comment period, particularly as your actions so affect my life and livelihood.

Sincerely,

Wendy

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Disgustedly,  
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