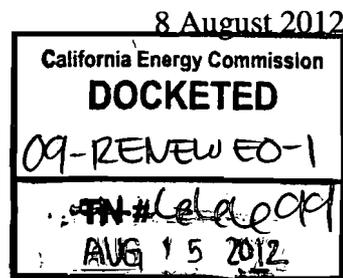


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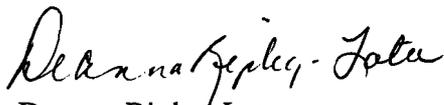
Subj: Impact of DRECP Alternatives on Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area

Dear CEC,

It has come to my attention that lands designated and set aside as critical habitat for Desert Tortoise and Mojave Ground Squirrel may be destroyed in favor of wind and solar energy uses. I for one do not believe that one should be sacrificed for the other, that tortoise and ground squirrel populations should be wiped out in favor of mankind's needs. There needs to be a limit on the amount of wind and solar power we install because not only will putting up more installations disfavor those creatures living on the ground, with regard to wind power, it will also decrease populations of eagles, hawks and other birds of prey and bat populations none of which can see the rotating blades. To decrease these populations is to increase both insect and rodent populations, which will eventually become an additional problem to those of mankind living near those areas and possibly beyond.

The lands in question have been mitigated for tortoise habitat and should remain that way. Let us not break yet another Federal promise to protect those that cannot protect themselves against man's encroachment.

Regards,

  
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