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Dear Commission Members:

I am opposed to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

Before all or even part of our desert is covered with the kind of energy-renewal construction the plan proposes, I believe it is judicious to investigate *and adopt* "eco-friendly" alternatives.

Other people opposed to the DRECP have suggested installations of solar collectors on rooftops. I certainly am in favor of that alternative. Additionally, newly developed, energy collecting resources are available. For instance:

1. The world's first *kinetic-energy* powered football stadium was introduced just last September in Rio de Janeiro. The football field was embedded with kinetic energy collecting tiles that not only powered the entire stadium's lights, but the lights of residences in nearby favelas. This same technology could be applied in California to sidewalks, airport runways, parking lots, roads, playgrounds, etc.

2. It is also possible to harvest *heat energy* from the asphalt in roadways etc.

3. A planned reduction in *energy usage* can be a co-alternative.

There **are** viable alternatives to capturing energy without destroying the desert's fragile flora and fauna or blighting its enjoyment by those who live in it or visit it. Are alternatives costly? Yes, of course they are. Is DRECP costly? Of course it is.

I have read that Senator Feinstein has recommended 1.6 million acres of this desert be set aside for recreation. But wait, there are *22 million* acres in the plan. Let's not "set aside" a token of anything. Let's keep the desert exactly as it is. DRECP is unacceptable.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Sincerely,

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