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Dear Energy Commission,

The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) must include long-lasting wildlife protections, preservation of key landscapes like the Soda Mountain area and Silurian Valley, as well as resilient habitats for climate change adaptation. It also needs much more detailed analysis of where the right places are for solar, wind and geothermal power plants. Let's be sure we put energy projects on more degraded lands, and create stronger protections for wildlife habitat, water quality and air quality at the same time.

Please direct your staff to develop a revised Supplemental plan that addresses the draft's flaws, analyzes development areas in much greater detail, and provides protections for California's desert wildlife and habitats that last as long as the impacts of renewable energy development.

The desert is fragile and the lifeforms are specially adapted for the natural topography and environment. Not enough is being done or considered towards their survival. Also the touted economic benefit is geared outside the desert and benefits foreign corporations. Also it is my understanding the public lands will be deeded to private and foreign corporations.

Sincerely,

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