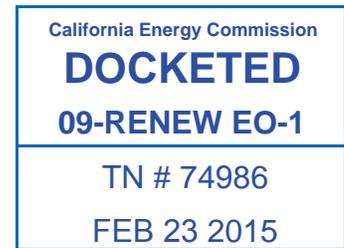


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Re: DRECP NEPA/CEQA

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of the High Desert of California, I am concerned about the deserts being overdeveloped unnecessarily or developed in areas that are not appropriate for large-scale renewable energy projects. I have the following concerns and comments:

- 1) Advancements in renewable energy technologies that produce more energy using less land and the completion of new renewable energy projects have taken place since the DRECP process was initiated. Thus the acreage needed to fulfill the 33% mandate by 2020 needs to be recalculated. If these projects are included in the calculations they add up to approximately 11,000 megawatts leaving 9,000 megawatts needed to satisfy the 20,000 being proposed in the DRECP.
- 2) I agree with San Bernardino Counties comment that distributed energy on rooftops and parking lots should also be included in the recalculations. In their Position Paper on the DRECP they stated that one of their key priorities is to: "Encourage distributed generation that addresses local needs while allowing excess energy to be sold to the grid." Let LA County put renewable energy on their rooftops and parking lots before we destroy virgin desert lands.
- 3) I am concerned about the issuance of Take Authorizations allowing the lawful Take of Covered Species incidental to Covered Activities and for the issuance of Take permits for "other" species that are not currently listed. It is my understanding that these "take" authorizations will be extended over long periods of time, a 25-40 year period. This is unacceptable as our desert flora and fauna are being ever increasingly stressed by climate change (i.e. increasing draught conditions) and habitat loss due to certain recreational activities.

Part of what residents of the deserts value the most is the unique flora and fauna.

In conclusion, having a plan for large-scale renewable energy development is a good thing but having a plan that incorporates the concerns and wishes of the residents it will affect makes for a great plan.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns and comments.  
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