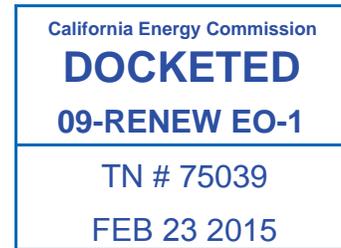


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Mr. Chris Beale

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Dear Mr. Beale,

It is essential that the 22.5 million acre Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan is finalized in a thoughtful way in order to protect our national parks, wilderness areas, wildlife and wild places for future generations.

I strongly encourage you to improve this important plan in order to better protect its public resources:

- \* Protect Mojave National Preserve, adjacent Wilderness Study Areas, and key desert bighorn sheep habitat by not allowing the Soda Mountain Solar project to be sited next door to Mojave NP. There are many better locations for the project.
- \* Protect the remarkable Silurian Valley adjacent to Death Valley National Park by designating the landscape as National Conservation Lands.
- \* Protect Joshua Tree National Park by preventing development in the Eagle Mountain region (an important habitat for desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and desert tortoise).
- \* Do not allow for renewable energy Development Focus Areas (DFA) to be designated in sensitive lands. The Lucerne region, the desert tortoise research natural area, Cadiz dunes area, and the Mountain Pass area should not be considered for DFAs.
- \* Protect wildlife routes and bird migration areas by supporting the protection of Sonoran Desert Thorn Woodlands, Sand Movement corridors, and important wetlands like the Wild and Scenic Amargosa River, Salt Creek, and Bonanza Spring.

Thank you for standing up for the California Desert!

Sincerely,

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