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Dear Sirs,

The biggest flaw in this plan is the fact that rooftop solar is not being included in the calculations? if it was you would see we are much closer to the 20 mega watt goal. I would also think we would take into consideration the evolvement in efficiency of solar panels in the future. We also need a place where we can go to monitor the progress of new projects coming on line and make sure all is accounted for. There are roof tops and building tops every where in the whole state of California. Why should the county of San Bernardino be responsible for the majority of the projects? and the locations proposed are mostly in the desert. Contrary to popular belief the desert is not a vast wasteland of nothing! It is a special place where wildlife, flora and fauna and people co-exist. and those of us who live there want to save it for future generations to come. We should all be stewards of the land, the desert is really still the only wild place left why do we need to destroy it.

It is the responsibility of all Californians to contribute to this effort. Why are we not talking about conservation? We are doing it with water, set fines for over user and urge conservation instead of how can we get more, more, more! How can we trade water consumption for these projects to produce electricity? we are in the biggest drought ever in California. These giant solar farms use thousands and thousands of acre feet of water. We can live without electricity, but we can not live without water. IT makes no sense, we are going nowhere fast with this being acceptable. Another good idea would be to re power windmill fields that have been abandoned, and to infill in these already disturbed areas.

And what about view shed? I live right on the Joshua Tree National Park boundry and I can see one large solar project that is only 2 miles away with another one on the way! There needs to be a large buffer zone around all parks and preserves. Our economy here in Joshua Tree is based on Tourism, no one wants to see this here, they come to see the wide open spaces and the surrounding beauty of the desert.

The only winners of these big solar projects are the corporate owners and the big utility companies, racking up tons of cash, while the residents continue to lose property values and quality of life. There are no tax benefits for the counties either. A quality of life study needs to be added to the plan, we do matter !

I am writing to urge you to revise the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan with substantial improvements. As it stands, the draft falls well short of its goals to direct renewable energy development to places of low conflict, strengthen protections for imperiled plants and animals, and provide lasting conservation measures. Indeed, the draft is riddled with conflicting statements and maps with mistakes, and it has an unclear conservation baseline, inadequate funding streams and other fatal flaws.

Please SAVE the desert!

Sincerely, Valeree Woodard

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