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## Field Visit Tour Potential Renewable Energy Development Areas Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

The Renewable Energy Action Team is conducting a field visit to potential renewable energy development areas in the west Mojave and Imperial County as part of the development of the California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The DRECP Stakeholder Committee and public are invited to participate.

**THURSDAY and FRIDAY, June 16 and 17, 2011**

**Starting at 9:30 a.m. on THURSDAY, June 16, 2011**

**Meet at the Palmdale City Hall Parking Lot  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550**

**Starting at 9:00 a.m. on FRIDAY, June 17, 2011**

**Meet at the City of Palm Springs City Hall Parking Lot  
3200 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, California 92262**

### Itinerary and Driving Directions

Each person will be responsible for providing their own transportation. Car pooling is encouraged. A four-wheel drive vehicle will not be required but a vehicle with good ground clearance is preferred.

We will start the west Mojave field visit at Palmdale City Hall parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Below are the driving directions for the tour; however, they may be altered slightly in the field depending on time constraints and a desire to look at additional renewable energy areas.

Drive north and east up to the southern boundary of Edwards Air Force base which will take us past a large amount of open, flat terrain, some of which is under agricultural production and some of which is former agricultural land. Proceed at least as far east as 140th Street East. Take Avenue E west and cross Highway 14 and proceed to Highway 138 and travel west to 170th Street West, turn right and proceed north to Rosamond Boulevard where we will turn right and proceed east to

90th Street West. Turn left and proceed north to Backus Road which will take us to Highway 14 where we will turn north and proceed to Mojave.

North of Mojave and Highway 58 and to the west of Highway 14 we will visit some BLM and private land along Pole Line Road that has been identified by environmental groups as an area for development. We may also visit some private land in the same area that is located north of Highway 58 and east of Highway 14 and west of the Honda test track. Time permitting we may also visit other land near California City.

Lunch will be at Domingo's in the town of Boron at approximately 1:30 p.m.

After lunch, we will proceed to the junction of Highway 58 and US 395 and turn north on 395 for about 20 miles beyond the junction with 20 Mule Team Parkway. We will retrace our route back to the junction and head east on Highway 58 to Hinkley Road. Drive north on Hinkley Road for about 8 miles to obtain a good vantage point of the Harper Lake Valley. Retrace our route back to Highway 58 and go back west to the Harper Lake/Helendale Road. Turn south and drive to Silver Lakes and then proceed east on Shadow Mountain Road. Upon reaching US 395 we will decide, based upon the time of day, whether to end the tour or to drive some roads in the Victor Valley. From this point it is about 100 miles to Palm Springs where we will spend the night.

We suggest staying at the Best Western Las Brisas in Palm Springs or at the Best Western Inn at Palm Springs.

On Friday we will meet at the Palm Springs City Hall parking lot and leave at 9:00 a.m. and proceed to the West Chocolate Mountains via Highway 111. After visiting this area the next stop will be the Niland-Calipatria area where numerous solar PV projects have been proposed on marginal agricultural land. The next stop will be the Imperial Solar Energy Zone adjacent to Interstate 8. Lunch in El Centro will follow and then a visit to the southwest shore of the Salton Sea. This will conclude the trip. It is about 150 miles from this point to either the Ontario or San Diego Airports.

## **Cell Phone Contacts during the Field Visit Tour**

Below are cell phone contacts for those on the field tour:

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## **Written Comments**

Written comments regarding potential renewable energy development areas and the field visit should be submitted by June 30, 2011. Please include the docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 and indicate Renewable Energy Executive Order in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. Please include your name or organization's name in the file

name. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit. Please hand deliver or mail an **original copy** to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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