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Public Meeting Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Stakeholder Committee Meeting

The Stakeholder Committee of the California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) will meet on:

**WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2011
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

at the

**Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport
222 North Vineyard Ave., in the Lake Gregory room
Ontario, CA 91764-4431
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

Topics to be discussed are noted below. Other topics may be added to a more complete agenda that will be posted four days prior to the meeting at www.drecp.org/meetings/index.html.

- DRECP renewable energy calculator update
- DRECP working group reports
- Consultant and agency reports
- Modeling of effects and mitigation analyses for solar development and the Mojave desert tortoise
- Update on Mohave ground squirrel field studies
- Discussion of electric transmission line permitting (Southern California Edison)
- Public Comment

Doubletree Hotel Discounted Room Rates

The Doubletree Hotel is holding a block of rooms for those attending the DRECP Stakeholder meeting. The discounted rate is \$84 plus tax and includes complimentary Internet. You can make reservations until Tuesday, August 9th. Call 1-800-222-8733 and make reservations by asking for the DRECP Stakeholder Meeting or give the 3 letter code "DSH". You may also go to www.ontarioairport.doubletree.com - and type "DSH" in the "Group/Convention" field.

Upcoming Events

On August 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Ontario at the Doubletree Hotel, and on August 24, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Sacramento at the California Energy Commission (1516 Ninth Street), there will be public Scoping Meetings to receive input regarding the various issues that should be considered and addressed in the joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be completed for the DRECP and the California Desert Conservation Area plan amendment. The EIS/EIR is being prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. The agencies have issued a separate Notice of Preparation and a Notice of Intent that describes the planned EIR/EIS process and Scoping Meeting in greater detail as well as additional notices that will be posted on the DRECP website.

DRECP Background

Senate Bill X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes 2011), signed into law by the Governor on April 12, 2011, increased California's renewable energy portfolio standard to 33 percent by 2020, and Executive Order S-14-08 mandated the development of the DRECP, a major component of California's renewable energy planning efforts. The DRECP, when completed, is expected to further these objectives and accelerate the processing of renewable projects in the Mojave and Colorado deserts of California.

The DRECP will be a Natural Community Conservation Plan, which will help provide effective protection and conservation of desert ecosystems while allowing for the appropriate development of renewable energy projects. It will provide long-term endangered species permit assurances to renewable energy developers and a process for conservation funding to implement the DRECP. The DRECP will also serve as the basis for one or more Habitat Conservation Plans under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

The Stakeholder Committee was established to provide a forum for public participation and input into the DRECP. The list of Stakeholders is posted on the website and includes representatives of the counties in the desert region, renewable energy developers, environmental organizations, electric utilities, and state and federal agencies.

Written Comments

Members of the Stakeholder Committee or the public who wish to provide written comments on any of the meeting topics are asked to submit comments by August 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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Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact David Harlow, DRECP Director by e-mail at [david_harlow@sbcglobal.net] or Scott Flint of the California Energy Commission at (916) 651-3774, or by e-mail at [sflint@energy.state.ca.us].

Notices, reports, and documents pertaining to the DRECP are posted at www.drecp.org/. If you would like to receive automatic notices of meetings, workshops, hearings, and reports, sign up for the electronic list server at the bottom of the web page.

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