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## Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) WebEx Meeting on Terrestrial Landscape Intactness

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a follow-up to the WebEx meetings held in October and November, 2013, and to introduce certain models and datasets that will be made available on the DRECP Gateway powered by Data Basin (<http://drepc.databasin.org/>). The WebEx meeting on terrestrial landscape intactness will be held on:

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014**  
**2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
(See WebEx information below.)

At the meeting we will review: 1) how logic modeling software (Environmental Evaluation Modeling System - EEMS) works for this topic in the DRECP; 2) the overall conclusions; 3) how the conclusions can be used in regional planning; and 4) how the model can be used for forecasting and monitoring into the future. Landscape intactness (essentially the current general habitat condition) was modeled for the DRECP region using numerous inputs of available spatial data. Organized at 1km x 1km resolution and including inputs on human disturbance, vegetation state, and natural habitat fragmentation, this map-based product was produced using EEMS developed by the Conservation Biology Institute.

### DRECP Background

Senate Bill X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 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 formation of the Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT) to develop the DRECP, a major component of California's renewable energy planning efforts. The REAT agencies include the California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 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 and provide incidental take permits under state law and provide for incidental take authorizations under the Federal Endangered Species Act. It will also serve as a Land Use Plan Amendment for the Bureau of Land Management. The DRECP will 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.

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