Since the DRECP has moved to the "Phase Approach" reviewing BLM lands first, we believe a new supplemental EIS would be needed. By designating "Development Focus" you are creating new Solar Energy Zones on California Federal Lands. You will need a new supplemental EIS for this and you will need to define and describe every new Solar Energy Zone that is taken out of the variance process.

Moving into just a Final EIS for the plan would violate the National Environmental Policy Act.

Please give us a new, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for this phase approach with a 90 day review period. It's the law.

Thanks,

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Response to Comment Letter E136

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March 10, 2015

E136-1 Thank you for your comment. No Supplemental Draft EIS is required as a result of the DRECP phasing announced in early 2015. As described in Volume I of this Final EIS, this document supports only the BLM’s proposed Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA). The Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS fully described the proposed LUPA, and disclosed the potential effects of the LUPA, including analysis of the Preferred Alternative and Alternatives 1 through 4, and the No Action Alternative. This Final EIS describes modifications to the Preferred Alternative made since the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, and presents analysis of environmental effects for all alternatives.
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