The concept of having a large percent of our power generation be produced by solar/wind etc. is admirable. Making it a fact is full of potholes and unseen problems.

The DRECP has targeted southern California High Desert as prime location. As residents of this area we are concerned that we will be blanketed with solar/wind plants. Having seen these types of plants come and go over the last 30 years, we are even to the point of fear.

Using BLM, state, county property is not beneficial to local economies. Since support services has to be provided by localities adjacent to the plants, there is no tax revenue from plants built on these lands to pay for such services.

Only if the residents of the community for the planned plants can be in control of where they are located so as to leave a core community available without having to face solar/wind plants next door. There are areas of our community that would be fitting for such plants and be of benefit to our economy. Since solar plants pay no increased property tax, there should be a way to reimburse a community for the services that will be provided.

So please include local community planning in your plan and I mean LOCAL – not state or county.

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E91-1 This comment is not directed toward any specific discussion or the analysis presented in Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS Chapters III.23 or IV.23 (Socioeconomics and Environmental Justice). This is a general comment or opinion that BLM will consider during its LUPA decision process.

E91-2 The Proposed LUPA and Final EIS addresses activities on BLM-administered lands only. The BLM is committed to coordinating with local governments throughout its land use plan amendment process, as described in Volume II, Section II.3.7.
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