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California Energy Commission
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1510 Ninth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

DEAR COMMISSION:

I am writing as a local citizen and homeowner of the High Desert in the Morones Basin.

What I do support and ask the DRECP to reflect, and the local input is the preservation of wildlife linkage corridors in multi-arenas throughout all of the DRECP Desert Lands. As climate shifts advance these protected areas will become more crucial for animal habitat survival.

Two other concerns I have is the inextricable lack of full support for local rooftop solar installation. Homeowners and small entities can no longer bear the substantial energy needs with the straight forward approach the responsibility would be brought down to individual thus creating awareness commitment.

Our tourism economy is a win win here in the Heart Desert. The plight of solar farms and wind farms like the Corridor in Palm Springs is unacceptable policy.

Respectfully,
John (Last Name)
Palm Springs, Indio Valley, California
Response to Comment Letter F172

Tobi Taboada
February 23, 2015

F172-1 Thank you for your comment. No change in the document is required as a result of this comment.

F172-2 The BLM has taken this comment into consideration in developing the BLM LUPA and Final EIS. As described in Chapter I.1, Phase I of the DRECP is the BLM LUPA and Final EIS that addresses activities on BLM-administered lands only. See also Volume II, which includes revised descriptions and mapping for the range of alternatives considered for the BLM LUPA, including substantial reductions in DFAs as compared to that proposed for the Plan-wide Draft DRECP alternatives. See also Section II.3.4.2 for revised CMAs for activities on BLM-administered lands, including CMAs for maintenance of linkage function.

F172-3 The distributed generation alternative does not meet BLM’s purpose and need. Distributed generation was considered but not carried forward, as discussed in Volume II, Section II.8.2.1. BLM lands are largely devoid of buildings and distributed generation is applicable in locations with both electrical demand and areas or surfaces available for installation of distributed generation technology.