To Chris Hale, DRECP Acting Executive Director

James Ramos, San Bernardino County Supervisor

As a 25-year resident of Yucca Valley, I am opposed to any development of renewable energy. I am a resident of Yucca Valley and a member of several renewable energy groups. I am a strong supporter of the Yucca Valley as a site for renewable energy development.

I am seriously concerned about the impact of renewable energy development on our quality of life and the health and safety of our residents. I am especially concerned about the impact on our wildlife and our desert communities.

I fully appreciate the need to aggressively pursue renewable energy development, but I believe that this should be done in a way that protects our quality of life and the health and safety of our residents.

Conservation needs to be carefully and thoughtfully planned. Having reviewed the recommendation that conservation efforts should be increased and aligned to be consistent with the needs of the area, I am in total agreement with this recommendation.

The kind of projects that I support do not have a negative impact on our quality of life and do not threaten our wildlife and desert communities.

I am strongly supportive of expanding our renewable energy initiatives. But

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My support is for those projects that don’t impact negatively communities and their lifestyle and animal habitats whereby the damage caused by renewable energy implementation causes irreversible damage and losses to future generations.

I support and encourage the expansion of rooftop solar, increasing efficiency and utilization of existing projects that could efficiently handle expanded use of these facilities with the right incentives. Industry and various local communities could be motivated to receive power in the right places that would not result in negative outcomes.

When thinking and planning for future needs, please recognize and consider how these decisions would negatively impact our future quality of life and the precious wildlife which is unique to our desert communities. With tourism being the leading economic driver in the Joshua Tree Gateway Community, your decision could result in a major decline in that economic benefit.

With respect,
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Response to Comment Letter F192

Cary Harwin
February 21, 2015

F192-1 Thank you for your comment. While it has not resulted in a change in the document, the BLM has taken it into consideration. See response E43-4; the BLM LUPA and Final EIS addresses activities on BLM-administered lands only. See also Chapter IV.7 for an evaluation of the impacts and conservation of biological resources on BLM-administered lands under the BLM LUPA, including an analysis of impact to critical habitat. See also Section II.3.4.2 for the revised CMAs for activities on BLM-administered lands, including CMAs for the management of LUPA conservation designations developed to conserve ecological and cultural resources.

F192-2 While this comment has not resulted in a change in the document, the BLM has taken it into consideration.

F192-3 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 settings with both electrical demand and areas or surfaces available for installation of distributed generation technology.

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