To: California Energy Commission
From: Mary M. Shore
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Re: DRECP NEPA/CEQA

To whom it may concern:

- I find that not developing rooftop solar as a reasonable alternative is a disservice to the people of California and the USA
- The visual impact of Transmission lines and solar farms in the desert cannot be mitigated
- Cultural practices of vegetable farming operations are not compatible with neighbors with solar farms
- Vegetable farming in the Imperial Valley is an integral part of California Agriculture and this concept was not developed

It makes sense to consider rooftop solar because the energy it can generate is closer to the point of use. The further energy is transported the more it loses its effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Shore
Response to Comment Letter F209

Mary M. Shore
February 23, 2015

F209-1 Thank you for your comment. 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.

F209-2 The potential impacts of renewable energy development on and near BLM-managed lands, including NLCS lands, has been identified as a potential long-term visual impact. Please see Volume IV, Chapter IV.20, Visual Resources, for analysis of viewsheds and other visual resources.

F209-3 This comment is not relevant to the LUPA and will be addressed in Phase II of the DRECP, as described in Volume I of this Final EIS.

F209-4 See Response F209-1.
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