Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and EIR/EIS Comments

Please hand in during the meeting or mail (address on back), email, or fax ([916] 654-4421) by January 9, 2015. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them by email in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to drce@energy.state.ca.us.

When submitting comments on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, please include the name and means of contact for a person who would be available for later consultation if necessary. Please note that public comments and information submitted will be available for public review at www.drecp.org. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that any information submitted as part of your comment will become part of the public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other Internet search engines. You may choose to withhold contact information, but the agencies will not be able to consult with you if clarification of your comment is needed. While you may request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, agencies cannot guarantee the ability to do so.

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Comments (Please print clearly and legibly)

- Please consider a public comment period extension. The complexity and length of the Plan requires a longer more adequate comment period.
- Reduce the 20,000-MW estimate, based upon assumptions of energy use, trends, generally support alternative and with additional conservation/recreational facilities (designations). Currently the DFA is too large for inclusion in NCEA - Pianimint Valley, Trona Pinnacles, Cantonental flats, deep swamp, valley. Take Charleston view/Hidden Hills (SE corner of Inyo County) DFA off the map.

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I do not support the variances within Inyo County, although small these areas are inconsistent with Repla & Inyo County Planning meetings & local agreements. These areas should not be further studied for renewable energy development.
Response to Comment Letter F3

Jora Fogg
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F3-1 Thank you for your comment. While it has not resulted in a change in the document, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has taken it into consideration. The Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) had a 5-month comment period (9/23/14 through 2/23/15), which included one extension.

F3-2 The BLM has taken your comment into consideration in developing the BLM Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) and Final EIS. As described in Chapter I.1, Introduction, Phase I of the DRECP is the BLM LUPA and Final EIS that addresses activities on BLM-administered lands only. See Section I.3.3 for a description of the renewable energy planning process used for the DRECP, which sets the renewable energy and transmission planning context for developing the BLM LUPA and Final EIS for BLM-administered lands. See also Volume II, which includes revised descriptions and mapping for the range of alternatives considered for the BLM LUPA, including substantial reductions in Development Focus Areas (DFAs) as compared to that proposed for the Plan-wide Draft DRECP alternatives.

F3-3 See response F3-2.

F3-4 The Proposed LUPA has been revised to include additional lands in the National Conservation Lands. See Volume II of the Final EIS for revised maps.

F3-5 The Charleston View DFA is not included in the Proposed LUPA.

F3-6 The BLM has been working closely with Inyo County to maintain consistency between the BLM component of the DRECP and the county’s Renewable Energy General Plan Amendment. These variance lands have been dropped from the Preferred Alternative.
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