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California Energy Commission
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Re: Draft DRECP document and related Environmental Impact Report/Statement

To whom it may concern:

Please pay close attention to the objections to the DRECP Draft EIR/EIS sent to you by the Alliance for Desert Preservation, dated January 16, 2015.

Aside from the fact that even the extended comment period on the massive and confusingly-written DRECP document is inadequate, I congratulate the ADP for pointing out the futility of public comment on DRECP environmental findings without our knowing the Bureau of Land Management’s revised plan for the West Mojave portion of the California Desert Conservation Area (WEMoA), and the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Report (FEIS) for their West Mojave Plan.

The ADP letter details clearly the conflicts that can arise. I am amazed that the BLM, a participant in the DRECP environmental assessments, has not already pointed this out and put the brakes on, until after the court-ordered issuance of the revised West Mojave plan correcting violations of Federal land policy and NEPA and its final Record of Decision.

I submit the lack of full disclosure of the overlap of the long-established California Desert Conservation Area, and its more recent unresolved modifications in the West Mojave plan creates a fatal flaw for informed comment on the conservation proposals in the DRECP.

Much time and taxpayer money has already been expended studying millions of acres of the California desert, will it be wasted now? The DRECP goal is to streamline issuance of permits for major destruction in this desert; it must not be suspected of overlooking the efforts and expertise of the people who have studied these lands in past years. Informed public comment must be another goal of the DRECP. This is impossible right now.

Thank you for your attention,

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Response to Comment Letter F92

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F92-1  The commenter’s reference to comments provided by the Alliance for Desert Preservation is noted. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is coordinating the Western Mojave (WEMO) and Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Proposed Land Use Plan Amendments (LUPAs) to ensure consistency between the two decisions. Additional information on the relationship between the two decisions has been added to Volume I.
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