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## Public Meeting Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Independent Science Panel Meeting

The Independent Science Panel of the California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) will meet on:

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012  
8:30 a.m. – 12 (noon)**

at the

**The Mission Inn  
3649 Mission Inn Avenue  
Galleria Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Riverside, CA 92501**

**(Wheelchair Accessible)**

The DRECP Stakeholders and public are invited to attend this meeting. Topics to be discussed include:

- Reserve design
- Climate change adaptation
- Species distribution modeling
- Monitoring and adaptive management
- Conservation planning process
- Public comment

Other topics may be added and a more complete agenda will be posted four days prior to the meeting at [www.drecp.org/meetings/index.html](http://www.drecp.org/meetings/index.html).

### **DRECP Background**

An initial Independent Science Committee was formed in 2010 to provide science-based input and recommendations into a process that was being formulated at that time to develop the DRECP. Now that about two years have passed and significant progress towards completing the DRECP has been made, a second science panel (see Attachment

for the names of the panelmembers) has been formed to review the work completed to date and make recommendations. The science panel will be meeting for several days including this partial day in a public meeting to take comment and input from DRECP Stakeholders and the public.

Senate Bill X1-2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011), signed into law by the Governor on April 12, 2011, increased California's renewable energy portfolio standard to 33 percent by 2020, and Executive Order S-14-08 mandated the development of the DRECP, a major component of California's renewable energy planning efforts. The DRECP, when completed, is expected to further these objectives and accelerate the processing of renewable projects in the Mojave and Colorado deserts of California.

The DRECP will be a Natural Community Conservation Plan, which will help provide effective protection and conservation of desert ecosystems while allowing for the appropriate development of renewable energy projects. It will provide long-term endangered species permit assurances to renewable energy developers and a process for conservation funding to implement the DRECP. The DRECP will also serve as the basis for one or more Habitat Conservation Plans under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

### **Written Comments**

Members of the Stakeholder Committee and the public who wish to provide written comments on any of the meeting topics are asked to submit comments by July 11, 2012. Please include the docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 and indicate Renewable Energy Executive Order in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Those submitting comments electronically should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.ca.gov]. Please include your name or organization's name in the file name. Those preparing non-electronic written comments should mail or hand deliver them to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact David Harlow, DRECP Director by e-mail at [[ddharlow@energy.ca.gov](mailto:ddharlow@energy.ca.gov)] or Scott Flint of the California Energy Commission at (916) 651-3774, or by e-mail at [[sflint@energy.ca.gov](mailto:sflint@energy.ca.gov)].

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Dated: June 14, 2012

Mail Lists: DRECP, 33by2020, Renewables, Wind, and RETI

**Attachment**

**Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan  
Science Advisors 2012**

	<b>Scientist</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Role/expertise</b>
1	Steven Schwarzbach	Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey	Lead scientist
2	Wayne Spencer	Conservation Biology Institute	Reserve design and conservation of biodiversity
3	Julie Yee	Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey	Biostatistics, avian monitoring
4	Lesley Defalco	Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey	Desert plants, desert restoration
5	Scott Abella	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Restoration ecology
6	Kristin Berry	Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey	Desert tortoise and the Mojave desert landscape
7	Ted Weller	U.S. Forest Service	Bats and wind energy
8	David Stoms	Public Interest Energy Research, California Energy Commission	Connectivity, biodiversity and approaches to decision support
9	Todd Katzner	West Virginia University	Wind and birds
10	Dave Bedford	U.S. Geological Survey	Dust/desert geomorphic features
11	Ted Beedy		Ornithology
12	Dan Cayan	Scripps Institution, U.S. Geological Survey	Climate change
13	Ken Nussear	Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey	Desert tortoise habitat suitability
14	Jim Strittholt	Conservation Biology Institute	Conservation and computer mapping technology
15	Scott Haase	National Renewable Energy Laboratory	Renewable energy