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# Public Meeting Notice

# Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Description and Comparative Evaluation of Draft DRECP Alternatives

The Renewable Energy Action Team agencies will conduct a publicly-noticed meeting on:

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013**
**9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
**This will be a WebEx meeting. See WebEx information below.**

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a summary of the DRECP document titled, "Description and Comparative Evaluation of Draft DRECP Alternatives". The document has been posted on the DRECP website at www.drecp.org/documents/. This is a preliminary document not required by the National Environmental Policy Act or California Environmental Quality Act, and provides additional information to the DRECP Stakeholder Committee and the public before the Renewable Energy Act Team agencies develop the draft DRECP including the environmental analysis. Topics to be discussed on January 9 are noted below. 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.

- Introductions and Announcements
- Purpose and Scope of the Document
- Summary and Highlights of the "Description and Comparative Evaluation of Draft DRECP Alternatives"
- Overview of the Transmission Technical Group's Transmission Report
- Public Comment

## DRECP Background

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 under state law and one or more Habitat Conservation Plans under the Federal Endangered Species Act. It will also serve as a Land Use Plan Amendment for BLM. The DRECP will 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.

## Written Input

Members of the DRECP Stakeholder Committee and the public who wish to provide input on any of the meeting topics are asked to submit them by January 23, 2013. Early input is most helpful but input at anytime is welcome. Please include the docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 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 [dharlow@energy.ca.gov] or Scott Flint of the California Energy Commission at (916) 651-3774, or by e-mail at [sflint@energy.ca.gov].

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