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Staff Meeting Notice

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)

The purpose of the meeting is to provide a follow-up to the Data Basin WebEx meeting held on October 18, 2013, and to introduce certain models and datasets that will be made available on the DRECP Gateway powered by Data Basin. The WebEx meeting will be held on:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

This will be a WebEx meeting. See WebEx information below.

Data Basin (www.databasin.org) is a map-based, user-friendly conservation data-sharing system designed and maintained to support conservation decision-making. Data Basin connects users with conservation datasets and tools. With little or no technical GIS skills, individuals and organizations, including DRECP Stakeholders, local governmental agencies, and the public, will be able to explore and download a vast library of spatially detailed DRECP conservation datasets and produce customized maps. Once the DRECP Gateway is completed and available for public use, the web-based system will be open to everyone and should prove to be a powerful tool for advancing conservation and streamlining the planning of compatible renewable energy project development throughout the DRECP.

This meeting will introduce initial datasets that will be made available for viewing and downloading. Meeting topics include:

- Introductions and Announcements
- Brief Overview of DRECP Gateway Powered by Data Basin
- Discussion of Draft Covered Species Models and Show Examples (plants and animals)
- Discussion of Species Stack Built from Draft Covered Species Models
- Demonstration of Datasets and Sources for Linkages and Connectivity
- Demonstration of Land Cover Datasets
- Demonstration of Terrestrial Intactness and its Logic Model
- Demonstration and Discussion of Other Publicly-Available Datasets
- Public Questions or 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 formation of the Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT) to develop the DRECP, a major component of California's renewable energy planning efforts. The REAT agencies include the California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 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 provide for incidental take authorizations under the Federal Endangered Species Act. It will also serve as a Land Use Plan Amendment for the Bureau of Land Management. 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.

Public Comment

Participants may provide verbal comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to a few minutes per speaker depending on the number of participants and questions. Any comments may become part of the public record of this proceeding.

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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].

Notices, reports, and documents pertaining to the DRECP are posted at www.drecp.org/. If you would like to receive automatic notices of meetings, workshops, and reports, sign up for the electronic list server at the bottom of the web page.

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Dated: November 8, 2013

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