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Dear DRECP Stakeholders and Covered Species Working Group Members:

As you all know, we provided you and the public the opportunity to comment on an informal document titled "Description and Comparative Evaluation of Draft DRECP Alternatives" which was posted on our web site in December 2012. We also presented an overview of the document during a public WebEx meeting on January 9, 2013(<http://drepcp.org/meetings/>). We appreciate the many helpful comments received on that document, which are posted at <http://drepcp.org/documents/#eval>.

The REAT agencies now are moving forward with preparing the draft DRECP and EIR/EIS which is scheduled for formal public review in late fall of this year. One of the critical components needed to proceed with developing the draft document is a proposed covered species list. The REAT agencies have been working on refining the list based on input received in the past from the Independent Science Advisors in 2010, the Independent Science Panel in 2012, the DRECP Covered Species Working Group and other DRECP Stakeholders, independent experts, public comment on several prior DRECP documents, and agency experts. Based on a complete review of these sources, the REAT agencies have developed the attached table, which includes: 1) a proposed covered species list; 2) species still under consideration for inclusion on the covered species list; and 3) species no longer being considered for inclusion on the covered species list. Also, this list does not address whether, or if, a list of species will be developed for planning purposes, commonly referred to as "Planning Species." The REAT agencies are still evaluating species that may be appropriate for that purpose.

We are not asking for additional comment on these lists at this time. The lists are provided to you now as early information. These lists represent the species that the REAT agencies are, or are not, moving forward with in the development of the draft DRECP. The final list of covered species will be determined after the public review of the draft DRECP and EIR/EIS. As mentioned above, the draft DRECP is scheduled for public review later this year, at which time we will welcome your comments, and will particularly encourage your submittal of any new information that may have become available that may not have been considered by the REAT agencies.

Thanks again for your participation in the planning process. Please free to call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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DRECP Draft Covered Species List

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Proposed Covered Species	
Amphibians and Reptiles	
Arroyo toad	<i>Anaxyrus californicus</i>
Tehachapi slender salamander	<i>Batrachoseps stebbinsi</i>
Agassizi's desert tortoise	<i>Gopherus agassizii</i>
Flat-tailed horned lizard	<i>Phrynosoma mcallii</i>
Mojave fringe-toed lizard	<i>Uma scoparia</i>
Birds	
Golden eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>
Burrowing owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>
Swainson's hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>
Mountain plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>
Western yellow-billed cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus americanus occidentalis</i>
Willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax trailii</i> (all subsp., including <i>extimus</i>)
Greater sandhill crane	<i>Grus canadensis tabida</i>
California condor	<i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>
California black rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i>
Gila woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes uropygialis</i>
Elf owl	<i>Micrathene whitneyi</i>
Yuma clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>
Bendire's thrasher	<i>Toxostoma bendirei</i>
Bell's vireo (Arizona)	<i>Vireo bellii arizonae</i>
Bell's vireo (Least)	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>
Fishes	
Desert pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon macularius</i>
Owens pupfish	<i>Cyprinodon radiosus</i>
Mohave tui chub	<i>Siphateles bicolor mohavensis</i>
Owens tui chub	<i>Siphateles bicolor snyderi</i>
Mammals	
Pallid bat	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>
Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>
California leaf-nosed bat	<i>Macrotus californicus</i>
Mojave River vole	<i>Microtus californicus mohavensis</i>
Burro deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus eremicus</i>
Bighorn sheep (all distinct population segments, including the Peninsular Ranges)	<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>
Mohave ground squirrel	<i>Xerospermophilus mohavensis</i>

Plants	
Lane Mountain milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus jaegerianus</i>
Triple-ribbed milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus tricarinatus</i>
Alkali mariposa-lily	<i>Calochortus striatus</i>
Flat-seeded spurge	<i>Chamaesyce platysperma</i>
Munz's cholla	<i>Cylindropuntia munzii</i>
Desert cymopterus	<i>Cymopterus deserticola</i>
Mojave tarplant	<i>Deinandra mohavensis</i>
Bare-stem larkspur	<i>Delphinium scaposum</i>
Parish's daisy	<i>Erigeron parishii</i>
Cushenbury buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> var. <i>vineum</i>
Barstow woolly sunflower	<i>Eriophyllum mohavense</i>
Little San Bernardino Mountains linanthus	<i>Linanthus maculatus</i>
Mojave monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus mohavensis</i>
Bakersfield cactus	<i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>treleasei</i>
White-margined beardtongue	<i>Penstemon albomarginatus</i>
Parish's phacelia	<i>Phacelia parishii</i>
Parish's alkali grass	<i>Puccinellia parishii</i>
Owens Valley checkerbloom	<i>Sidalcea covillei</i>
Palmer's jackass clover	<i>Wislizenia refracta</i> ssp. <i>palmeri</i>
Species Still Under Consideration (recommendations forthcoming)	
Mammals	
Western mastiff bat	<i>Eumops perotis californicus</i>
Western red bat	<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>
Hoary bat	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>
Cave myotis	<i>Myotis velifer</i>
Tehachapi pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus alticolus inexpectatus</i>
McKittrick pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus inornatus neglectus</i>
Palm Springs pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus longimembris bangsi</i>
Yellow-eared pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus parvus xanthonotus</i>
Desert kit fox	<i>Vulpes macrotis arsipus</i>
Species Not Recommended for Covered Species List	
Amphibians and Reptiles	
Barefoot gecko	<i>Coleonyx switaki</i>
Gila monster	<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>
Coast horned lizard	<i>Phrynosoma blainvillii</i>
California red-legged frog	<i>Rana draytonii</i>
Sierra Madre yellow-legged frog	<i>Rana muscosa</i>
Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog	<i>Rana sierrae</i>
Couch's spadefoot	<i>Scaphiopus couchii</i>

Birds	
Tri-colored blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>
Long-eared owl	<i>Asio otus</i>
Western snowy plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>
Gilded flicker	<i>Colaptes chrysoides</i>
White-tailed kite	<i>Elanus leucurus</i>
American peregrine falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Yellow-breasted chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>
Wood stork	<i>Mycteria americana</i>
Lucy's warbler	<i>Oreothlypis luciae</i>
Summer tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>
Vermillion flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
Bank swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Sonora yellow warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia sonorana</i>
Crissal thrasher	<i>Toxostoma crissale</i>
LeConte's thrasher	<i>Toxostoma lecontei</i>
Grey vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>
Fishes	
Unarmored threespine stickleback	<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni</i>
Bonytail	<i>Gila elegans</i>
Colorado pikeminnow	<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>
Razorback sucker	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>
Mammals	
Nelson's antelope squirrel	<i>Ammospermophilus nelsoni</i>
Sonoran pronghorn	<i>Antilocapra americana sonoriensis</i>
San Bernardino kangaroo rat	<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>
Spotted bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>
Amargosa vole	<i>Microtus californicus scirpensis</i>
Owen's Valley vole	<i>Microtus californicus vallicola</i>
Western small-footed myotis	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum</i>
Long-eared myotis	<i>Myotis evotis</i>
Fringed myotis	<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>
Yuma myotis	<i>Myotis yumanensis</i>
Yuma mountain lion	<i>Puma concolor browni</i>
San Joaquin kit fox	<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>
Plants	
Cushenbury oxytheca	<i>Acanthoscyphus parishii</i> var. <i>goodmaniana</i>
Mojave milkweed	<i>Asclepias nyctaginifolia</i>
Cushenbury milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus albens</i>
Coachella Valley milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>coachellae</i>
Shining milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>micans</i>

Peirson's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus magdalenae</i> var. <i>peirsonii</i>
Lancaster milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus preussii</i> var. <i>laxiflorus</i>
Nevin's barberry	<i>Berberis nevinii</i>
Emory's crucifixion thorn	<i>Castela emoryi</i>
Peirson's pin cushion	<i>Chaenactis carphoclinia</i> var. <i>peirsonii</i>
Abrams' spurge	<i>Chamaesyce abramsiana</i>
San Fernando Valley spineflower	<i>Chorizanthe parryi</i> var. <i>fernandina</i>
Desert pincushion	<i>Coryphantha chlorantha</i>
Gander's cryptantha	<i>Cryptantha ganderi</i>
Tracy's eriastrum	<i>Eriastrum tracyi</i>
Algodones Dunes sunflower	<i>Helianthus niveus</i> ssp. <i>tephrodes</i>
Amargosa niterwort	<i>Nitrophila mohavensis</i>
Giant Spanish-needle	<i>Palafoxia arida</i> var. <i>gigantea</i>
Rusby's desert mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea rusbyi</i> var. <i>eremicola</i>

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