

DRECP Framework Conservation Strategy Report

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Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	1	Executive summary		pp. 5-8			It is good to note the comments received on various documents, but we would recommend that in the next iteration of these documents that a disposition table is created to indicate how comments have been addressed.
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	2	1	I.B.	p. 1-5			We do not support the goal of "building" upon the Compatible Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) identified by RETI as these zones have some significant issues with them and were not identified with the proper resource filters. We would support further rigorous analysis of these areas, which may result in some CREZs being deleted from consideration and some CREZs being folded into future development areas.
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	3	1	I.C.4.	P. 1-11-12			The Covered Species list need extensive work and refinement. We strongly urge the inclusion of desert bighorn sheep as a covered species. We will provide additional comments regarding covered species in response to the covered species documents just released to the covered species workgroup for evaluation and comment.
Kim Delfino and Jeff	4	1	I.C.5.	p. 1-			RPS Biomass projects is not an activity type to be covered by the

Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains				13			DRECP. This activity was rejected by the Covered Activities workgroup.
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	5	2	II.B.4 .	p. II-22	2 nd		The description of the Salton Sea should include recent projections for the decline in the Sea beginning in 2017 after the mitigation water from the IID water transfer ends. Starting in 2017, the Salton Sea will become much more saline and the miles of shoreline will become exposed as the Sea recedes.
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	6	2	II.C.4.				Overall comment – there only reference to habitat used by desert bighorn sheep is on the “Rocky, Barren and Unvegetated Habitat Community. “ Bighorn sheep utilize more diverse habitat that noted in the framework document.
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California Council of Land Trusts, California Audubon, and Friends of the Desert Mountains	7	2	II.C.4 .	pp. II-70	3 rd paragraph		This report needs to include the more recent surveys by the Imperial Irrigation District for Burrowing Owl. The surveys by the Imperial Irrigation District show the burrowing owl population has dropped from about 5,600 pairs in the early 1990s to 4,879 pairs in 2007 and 3,557 pairs in 2008.

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