

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	32	IV	IV.B				Overall comment – The objectives for this section are far too vague and fails to provide the specificity necessary to create a robust and meaningful adaptive management program. We would direct the authors of this framework to read a recent article regarding the need for greater specificity in conservation planning objectives – See, Franklin, J., et al, “Planning, Implementing, and Monitoring Multiple-species Habitat Conservation Plans,” American Journal of Botany 98(3): 559-571 (2011).
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	33	IV.	IV.B.1	IV-3		Obj. 1-1.2	What “avoidance and minimization” measures are to be applied? What are the “most sensitive” natural communities and species habitats?
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	34	IV	IV.B.1	IV-3		Obj. 1-1.3	What “broad, unfragmented environmental gradients” are to be protected? To what level are you “maximizing” habitat heterogeneity?
Kim Delfino and Jeff Aardahl on the behalf of Defenders of Wildlife, NRDC, California	35	IV.	IV.B.1	IV-3		Obj. 1-2.1	What processes are “important” for formation of surficial geology and which ones are to be protected?

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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	37	IV.	IV.B.2	IV-4 – 10			This section is too many vague objectives. Further, it seems like the various community sections are lumped together and the specific community types that make us a forest community or a woodland community, for example, are lumped into one objective.
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	38	IV.	IV.B.3	IV – 10-18			We are going to assume that the species biological goals and objectives section is merely a placeholder since it is plagued with vagueness.

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