

## Appendix B

### Baseline Biology







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The California deserts are a biologically rich region with a high wildlife and plant species diversity. This diversity is supported by natural communities and physical and ecological processes unique to this arid landscape. The Baseline Biology Report prepared to support the DRECP thoroughly compiled and documented the biological setting of the planning area, and it provided the baseline information and data from which this biological conservation framework was developed.

The Draft DRECP<sup>1</sup> included the Baseline Biology Report. Following release of the Draft DRECP, the Baseline Biology Report underwent a number of technical updates (e.g., species nomenclature updates) and revisions (e.g., text and citation additions) to make the document current and in response to public input on the draft. The October 2015 Baseline Biology Report is available at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

Additionally, data used to develop the Baseline Biology Report is available at <http://drecp.databasin.org/>.

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<sup>1</sup> CEC, CDFW, BLM, USFWS (California Energy Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). 2014. *Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement*. SCH no. 2011071092; BLM/CA/PL-2014/025+1793; FWS-R8-ES-2014-N165. September 2014.

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