



DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

May 31, 2013

Dear Supervisors Ramos and Lovingood,

Thank you for following up with us after the April board workshop on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). We appreciated the opportunity to participate in the public workshop about the DRECP with the San Bernardino County board. We found the meeting to be highly productive and informative, and we particularly appreciated hearing from the citizens about their interest in and concerns about the DRECP.

In your letter, you noted the importance of public input to the DRECP process. We strongly agree. The DRECP team is working to complete a draft of the plan and EIS/EIR for public review beginning in the fall of this year. In furtherance of that effort, throughout the summer and fall we will be hosting workshops in the DRECP planning area, including in San Bernardino County. Additional workshops will also be held to take comment on the draft plan after it is published. We appreciate your offer to help us plan some public workshops, and we look forward to working with your offices on the details.

Close coordination between federal, state, and local governments is critical to the success of the DRECP, and we appreciate the county's engagement with the planning process to date. We look forward to continued collaboration with the county in the development and implementation of the DRECP.

Sincerely,

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