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To whom it may concern:

Eastern Kern County Resource Conservation District has been providing comments on EA's, EIR's, EIS's and PEIS's over the course of many years. Some of our Board Members provided comments on the California Desert Conservation Plan and of course on WEMO which lasted approximately fourteen years. At the end of the WEMO process, many of the agencies that first signed on did not sign on the Final Amendment to the CDCA Desert Plan. The major player that did not sign on was California Department of Fish and Game and of course that is why WEMO failed in its streamlining of biological permits.

The DRECP is over 10,000 pages and is very difficult to read. The agencies, both federal and state, have not complied under NEPA or CEQA in informing the public in a meaningful manner to achieve understanding by the people, cities, counties and tribes. Literature that was passed out at the first meetings was not the same as the final meeting at Joshua Tree.

Many of the areas in this DRECP area are without internet electronic speed. Some of these areas are still using dial up mechanisms and CD's are needed at all libraries. San Bernardino officials understood that problem and that is why they asked for a box of CD's to be distributed at Joshua Tree.

We are also asking for another round of meetings for the public with a valid explanation of why the Distributive Energy Alternative was not fully analyzed, why there is not sufficient water basin analysis, why there is not a cumulative effect of soil disturbance, why BLM's purpose and need is overly narrow and why is there missing information in regards to Tribal Consultation and Cultural Resources. We believe that this missing information leads to a flawed analysis that could substantially change conclusions.

We therefore are asking for an extension of time to clear up the problem of improper distribution of literature, ensuring that all libraries within the DRECP have a copy of the DRECP, that newspapers be notified of this endeavor and city councils, counties and tribes be apprised of what is happening in their area.

In Cooperation,

D. C. Thomas, President

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