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Dear Sirs,

I am writing you because I have just learned that in planning for future solar power plant placement you are disregarding the extremely valuable conservation area set aside for the desert tortoise 40 years ago. Please consider the valuable habitat preserved at the Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area for all desert wildlife and researchers who must learn more about the tortoise in order to help save the species. It is essential that this jewel of 40 years of conservation effort be buffered, protected and respected long into the future as was first intended.

There is an very healthy population of tortoises and desert plant diversity within the fences of the DTRNA. If you allow placement of a solar facility in close proximity to the DTRNA this will severely compromise the welfare of the tortoises and other wildlife therein.

This is the time to site solar facilities wisely. Let us not compromise the health and wellbeing of this highly endangered species by improper placement of solar facilities. The Desert Tortoise is a very beloved, charismatic symbol of our deserts. Please respect California's valuable natural heritage.

Sincerely,

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