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I am writing to state my concerns on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan in and around the Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

Anza Borrego Desert is one of the last undeveloped areas of California. This area is beautiful because of its natural landscape and wildlife. There are many reasons why to NOT construct a wind farm through the Anza Borrego Desert. I will name a couple. There are already 2 solar farms which during construction used thousands of gallons of water from an extremely depleted aquifer in Borrego Springs. Another reason is light pollution. Because of the solar farms security systems there is light pollution in the desert. I feel it's not right that the DRECP has not allowed enough time for people to comment on the issues of a wind project through one of the last open areas of California. The California voters who will be in favor of this farm will be the ones who will never see it. They don't care about the landscape, wildlife of the desert. They just want a lower electric bill so they can watch TV on their 55 inch screen with the air conditioner on. Both of my sons are Students of the Marin School of Environmental Leadership in San Rafael CA. and we are in favor of renewable energy. We are not in favor of destroying natural undeveloped wildlife areas. I hope that the DRECP will not construct a windfarm in or around the Anza Borrego Desert Park that will ruin one of the last open areas of California.

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