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California Energy Commission  
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Dear San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramo  
and D.R.E.C.P. Executive Director Chris Beale. My name  
is Randy West. In the past few years, we have been blessed  
to live in Landers, California, located in the Mojongo Basin  
area of San Bernardino County, California. I own two property's in  
the area. Recently I've seen several large scale "Solar Farms"  
develop or being developed. Several issues concern me about  
the process these power generating facility's are developed.  
First, property values are sure to go down. Most of the  
areas being developed are located in areas zoned R L (RL)  
Rural living, the designation of location of my two  
property's. Had I known this type of development would be  
permitted, I might not of bought property in this  
area. Second, the way the developer tries to sell the  
project. Presentations are full of ~~and~~ lies and deception  
If someone doesn't hold the developer accountable, and  
make sure rules and guidelines are followed we all lose.  
Third, when I developed my property's I had to  
go through a rather extensive permit process.  
But apparently in the "Solar Farm business you  
don't even need a permit. This is what was  
happening at the "solar farm" project known as  
Bowman Solar located in Landers. This project  
was "Red Flagged" recently and is currently under  
appeal. Many other issues come to mind. Tourism,  
enviromental, health effects, water concerns, just to name a few.  
also, let me add I'm not anti solar. I have roof-top  
mounted panels at my home and are very-impressed so  
far. I reference the sites included in attachment 2. These are  
special places in the state of California. Lets work together  
to get solar right in California, not ruin it. ↓

Thank ~~you~~ you for reading this letter. ~~My~~ I  
suspect the D.R.E.C.P. is subject to the same  
ignorance.

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## **Attachment 2. Places that require conservation in the Preferred Alternative of the DRECP**

Active sand dunes  
Avawatz Mountains (including "Bowling Alley")  
Big Maria Mountains and surrounding flats  
Bristol Lake (excluding mineral leasing and salt mining areas)  
Cadiz Valley/Iron Mountains  
Chuckwalla Bench  
Coso Range area (including Olancho Dunes - not including OHV area)  
Danby Lake  
Desert Tortoise Natural Area (ACEC)  
Eagle Mountain  
Existing critical habitat  
Joshua tree woodland habitat  
Lower Centennial Flat  
Lucerne Valley wildlife linkages  
Malpais Mesa (including northwestern Talc City Hills, Santa Rosa flat & Conglomerate Mesa)  
Microphyll woodlands  
Morongo Basin wildlife linkages  
Mule Mountains  
Orocopia Mountains area  
Palen Lake  
Pinto Mountains area  
Pisgah Valley (ACEC)  
Red Mountain  
Riparian areas  
Riverside Mountains area  
Rodman Mountains area (lands abutting existing Wilderness)  
Rose Valley/McCloud Flat (area in DFA)  
Sacramento Mountains  
Silurian Valley (including BLM Special Analysis Area and additional acreage)  
Slate Range  
Soda Mountains - south slope  
Sperry Hills/Kingston Range  
Tehachapi Mountains and Southern Sierras - areas of conservation interest  
Valley Mountain  
Vidal  
Wildlife Linkages  
Whipple Mountains area