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California Energy Commission
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Dear Sir or Madam

Brian and Sue Hammer residents and property owners in the area of the DRECP view the document as it is currently written as fatally flawed for a variety of reasons of which we will list just a few.

A few of our concerns:

The DRECP says the Preferred Alternative will have a "less than significant" impact on groundwater. This is simply not true. Construction, fugitive dust control during construction and ongoing fugitive dust control take significant amounts of water. There is no mention of California's CASGEM program, water rights or adjudicated basins. This section needs to be completely revised and based on facts. It should take into account California's CASGEM program, water rights and adjudicated basins.

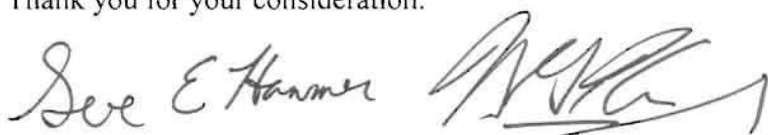
Soil and wind patterns vary greatly within even very small areas of the DRECP. Generalizations at the programmatic level of this report will not work. The report should rewrite this section to a site level. It should show suitability of specific soils and terrain including slope, aspect. Local wind patterns should be considered. Areas in the DRECP are known areas of Valley Fever which is borne on dust and this issue should be fully addressed.

The impact on humans is substantial and unaddressed. The DRECP document as it is currently written has solar facilities in very close proximity to rural residences. The impacts include both financial and health. This will decrease property values, obstruct viewshed, create fugitive dust (spreading Valley Fever), and potentially deplete groundwater. This will effect tourism and have many other negative effects to those living and traveling here. DRECP DFA's should be located well away from rural and urban residences. With the DRECP the Rural desert dweller and tourists alike may become an endangered species. Humans are a species too.

Items that are not currently in the DRECP and should be included:

- Distributed generation (rooftop solar) should be the first priority of the DRECP
- DRECP should provide for the property tax valuation on solar projects to go to each County
- All solar facilities should come under a standard equivalent to the Surface Mine Reclamation Act (SMRA)
- Each county should be specifically given CEQA lead agency authority for renewable energy development on private lands

Thank you for your consideration.



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