



## DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

### BLM Land Use Plan Designations

The Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) would amend the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA), Bishop Resource Management Plan and Caliente-Bakersfield Resource Management Plan. Designations on public lands will support the DRECP's renewable energy and conservation goals and protect other values and uses on public lands.

Key allocations on proposed on BLM-managed lands and how they would affect renewable energy applications include:

- **Development Focus Areas** – Available for solar, wind, and geothermal development and transmission. Applications would benefit from a streamlined permitting process with predictable survey requirements and simplified mitigation measures. An application on BLM-managed land would still go through the BLM right-of-way process including environmental review, but would benefit from the DRECP environmental document and established survey and mitigation requirements.
- **Conservation and Recreation Designations** – The DRECP will designate National Conservation Lands, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, wildlife allocations, and Special Recreation Management Areas to conserve biological, cultural, recreational and other values. Lands within these designations would not be available to renewable energy development, and the BLM would not accept applications in these areas.
- **DRECP Variance Lands** – These areas would be potentially available for renewable energy development but would require additional information before the BLM would make a determination on the application. DRECP variance lands include a screened subset of the variance lands designated through the Western Solar Plan process and additional study lands established through the DRECP process. DRECP variance lands would not benefit from the streamlined permitting process available in development focus areas.
- **Un-allocated Lands** – BLM-managed lands that are not covered by any of the above designations. These lands would maintain current management methods. Under the CDCA Plan, renewable energy applications could be accepted on these lands but a plan amendment would be necessary.