



DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

DRECP Public Participation

Public participation and feedback are crucial components of an open, transparent, and comprehensive planning effort. Public comments and feedback will be considered by the collaborating agencies in refining the alternatives and crafting a final plan.

Draft DRECP EIR/EIS

The draft DRECP Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) is available for review at the following websites: www.drecp.org, www.blm.gov/ca, and www.fws.gov/cno. The draft DRECP is also available at local libraries, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Energy Commission (CEC), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) agency offices in the DRECP planning area and their agency offices in Sacramento. A list of libraries and agency offices is available on the DRECP website. DVDs are available upon request. To request a DVD, please send an email to drecp.info@energy.ca.gov including your name and mailing address, or call (916)654-4818.

Through the DRECP Gateway, maps and geospatial data are available to assist with reviewing the draft plan. The Gateway tool contains all the data sets and maps used in development of the plan and can be used as an option to help understand and comment on the draft DRECP. The DRECP Gateway tool is available online: <http://drecp.databasin.org>.

Informational Video and Webinar

Coinciding with the opening of the public comment period, the DRECP agencies will post an informational video on www.drecp.org that will introduce the public to the structure and key elements of the draft DRECP. The video also will be available for viewing on October 9, 2014, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the locations posted on the DRECP website at www.drecp.org.

Public Meetings

Following the release of the draft DRECP, a series of formal public meetings will be held in late October and early November throughout the DRECP planning area and surrounding population centers. The intent of these meetings is to help public and agency stakeholders understand the draft plan and to facilitate public input. Both written and oral formal comments can be submitted at the meetings. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be posted on the DRECP website at www.drecp.org.

- **October 20-24** El Centro, San Diego, Sacramento
- **October 27-31** Lone Pine, Ridgecrest, Barstow
- **November 3-7** Ontario, Lancaster, Palm Desert, Blythe



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Submitting Comments

Written comments must be postmarked or received by email, fax, or standard mail no later than **January 9, 2015**. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to submit oral comments at the formal public meetings scheduled during the comment period (oral comments will not be taken during the informational video viewing session on October 9, 2014).

Please submit email comments in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF). Please include “DRECP NEPA/CEQA” in the subject line of the email or first paragraph of your comments, and the name and contact information for a person who would be available for later consultation if necessary. To submit written comments, please deliver or send them to: California Energy Commission, Dockets Office, MS-4, Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01, 1516 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-5512 or docket@energy.ca.gov or fax number (916) 654-4421.

Please note that public comments and information submitted will be available for public review and disclosure at www.drecp.org. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that any information submitted as part of your comment will become part of the public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other internet search engine. You may choose to withhold contact information, but the agencies will not be able to consult with you in the event clarification of your comment is needed. While you may request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, agencies cannot guarantee the ability to do so.

Commenting Guidance

The following guidance regarding submitting comments is in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Examples of substantive comments and comments that raise significant environmental issues include those that address the following:

- Issues requiring clarification or modification of an alternative.
- Issues requiring development of an alternative that was not previously given serious consideration.
- Issues that would lead to a revised or supplemental EIR/EIS.
- New information.
- Missing information.
- Flawed analysis that would substantially change conclusions.