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In the matter of:) Docket No. [09-RENEW EO-01]
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 Desert Renewable Energy Conservation)
 Plan (DRECP))
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Notice of Workshop

Durability of Conservation Activities on Public Land within the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

September 5, 2012

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

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The California Energy Commission will conduct a workshop to gather information on how public lands contribute to the conservation element of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). The DRECP includes a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Land Use Plan Amendment, a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), and a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). This workshop will review the extent to which public lands contribute to the reserve design for the NCCP. The workshop will focus in particular on how a durable conservation design on BLM land will be incorporated into the DRECP.

Information from this workshop will become part of the public record for the DRECP and will serve to inform the DRECP and the associated environmental analysis. The workshop will be conducted by Commissioner Karen Douglas of the California Energy Commission. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission may also attend.

Future Workshops

The California Energy Commission anticipates future workshops in September and October to cover other DRECP topics such as reserve design on private lands; and governance, costs, and funding. Separate notices will be released as the details on these future workshops become available.

Format

This workshop will include a roundtable discussion of representatives from state and local government entities, renewable energy developers, environmental and land use attorneys, and environmental stakeholders. Information from this workshop will become part of the public record for the DRECP and will serve to inform development of the DRECP and the associated environmental analysis. The public is invited to attend and provide oral as well as written comments.

An agenda is attached to this notice as ATTACHMENT A.

Background

The DRECP is a long term plan that seeks to identify areas for renewable energy development in California's desert and reserves that provide for the long-term conservation of species and natural communities. The DRECP will delineate renewable energy development areas that are located where large-scale development is commercially viable and that are sufficient to help meet California's long-term climate and renewable energy goals out to 2040 and beyond. Development areas identified in the DRECP may include areas of immediate commercial interest, as well as areas that could be viable for future development. The DRECP's conservation framework is designed to provide comprehensive conservation for desert ecosystems and covered species. The renewable energy development areas must also be compatible with this framework. The DRECP is being developed as a NCCP under California's Natural Community Conservation Planning Act and a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) under the federal Endangered Species Act. It is also being developed as a Land Use Plan Amendment for the Bureau of Land Management California Desert Conservation Area Plan under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Written Comments

Written comments on the agenda topics should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on September 19, 2012. Include the docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 in the subject line or first paragraph of the comments. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 and indicate "Durability of Conservation on Public Land within the DRECP" in the subject line. Send comments to: docket@energy.ca.gov

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Galen Lemei, galen.lemei@energy.ca.gov, (916) 654-4873 or Jennifer Nelson, jennifer.nelson@energy.ca.gov, (916) 651-8835.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting and other DRECP meetings will be available online at www.drecp.org.

August 22, 2012

Commissioner Karen Douglas

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