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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 Energy Commission Workshop
Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan
Governance, Costs, and Financing

September 24, 2012

9:30 a.m.

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The California Energy Commission will conduct a workshop to gather information on governance policies and steps for implementing the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) aspects of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Topics will include public agency structure, initial and ongoing costs, potential financing mechanisms and sources, and options for future plan amendments. The workshop will also address the overall best approaches for resource conservation planning and renewable energy development in the California desert.

The workshop will include input from representatives of federal, state, and local government entities; renewable energy developers; environmental and land use attorneys; and environmental stakeholders. The public is encouraged to attend and provide verbal and/or written comments. 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 assessment. The workshop will be conducted by Commissioner Karen Douglas of the California Energy Commission. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission may also attend.

A more detailed agenda will be provided approximately one week prior to the workshop and posted on the website at www.drecp.org/meetings.

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 an NCCP under California's Natural Community Conservation Planning Act and an 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.

Written Comments

Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by October 8, 2012. 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 docket number 09-RENEW EO-01 and indicate "DRECP Governance, Costs, and Financing" in the subject line. Send comments to: docket@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this workshop, please contact Jennifer Nelson, jennifer.nelson@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-8835.

Availability of Documents

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

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September 10, 2012

Commissioner Karen Douglas

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