



California Energy
Commission



California Department
of Fish and Wildlife



U.S. Bureau of
Land Management



U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Notice of Two Informational Webinars

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff will conduct two webinars to provide information on the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) on:

Webinar 1

Renewable Energy and Permitting

Monday, December 15, 2014

10:00am-Noon

Webinar 2

Conservation

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

1:00pm-4:30pm

Part I. Biological Conservation Strategy

1:00pm-3:00pm

Part II. Conservation on BLM Land (Non-Biological Resources)

3:00pm-4:30pm

**All workshops will be conducted via the Internet and telephone, via WebEx™
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Background

On September 26, 2014, the Energy Commission, CDFW, BLM, and USFWS released the draft DRECP and EIR/EIS document for public review. For more information about the draft plan and the environmental analyses, please go to www.drecp.org.

During October and November 2014, the Energy Commission, CDFW, BLM, and USFWS held 11 public meetings on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS in the plan area and surrounding population centers. A number of questions about the draft plan and environmental analysis were asked during the public meetings. The agencies are conducting these informational webinars to clarify where to find information within the document and to clarify the scope and effect of the draft DRECP.

The draft DRECP is an innovative renewable energy and conservation plan covering more than 22 million acres of land in Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. The draft is the result of collaboration among the Energy Commission, CDFW, BLM, USFWS, and other stakeholders.

The draft DRECP proposes to protect areas in the California desert that are important for wildlife, recreation, cultural and other uses while also facilitating the timely permitting of solar, wind and geothermal energy projects and associated transmission in other areas that would help to minimize impacts. The draft plan presents six alternative approaches for meeting renewable energy and conservation goals through 2040. Each alternative proposes a different conservation design and configuration of lands available for more efficient and predictable renewable energy project permitting review. The draft plan also includes an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of these alternatives.

Webinar Agendas

Webinar 1. Renewable Energy and Permitting

December 15, 2014

10:00am-Noon

Agencies address common questions about the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS related to Renewable Energy and Permitting

Webinar 2. Conservation

December 17, 2014

Part I. Biological Conservation Strategy

1:00pm-3:00pm

Agencies address common questions about the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS related to the Biological Conservation Strategy

Part II. Conservation on BLM Land (Non-Biological Resources)

3:00pm-4:30pm

Agencies address common questions about the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS related to the Conservation of Non-Biological Resources on BLM Land (the Land Use Plan Amendment)

Public Comment

To submit comments regarding the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS for consideration by the agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), please see the instructions at <http://drecp.org/about/contact.html#comments>. Comments should be submitted by **February 23, 2015**.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Energy Commission's Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989; to the BLM Media contact, Dana Wilson at dmwilson@blm.gov or (916) 978-4622; or to USFWS Public Affairs Officer, Jane Hendron at Jane_Hendron@fws.gov or (760) 431-9440.

If you have questions on the subject matter of these webinars, please contact Scott Flint at Scott.Flint@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-3774; Vicki Campbell at VLCampbell@blm.gov or (916) 978-4401; or Jenness McBride at Jenness_McBride@fws.gov or (760) 322-2070.

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<p>Barstow Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 252-6000</p>	<p>Needles Bureau of Land Management Needles Field Office 1303 S. Hwy 95 Needles, CA 92363 (760) 326-7000</p>
<p>Bishop Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office 51 Pacu Lane, Suite 100 Bishop, CA 93514 (760) 872-5000</p>	<p>Palm Springs Bureau of Land Management Palm Springs - South Coast Field Office 1201 Bird Center Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 833-7100</p>
<p>El Centro Bureau of Land Management El Centro Field Office 1661 So. 4th Street El Centro, CA 92243 (760) 337-4400</p>	<p>Ridgecrest Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office 300 S. Richmond Rd. Ridgecrest, CA 93555 (760) 384-5400</p>