

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Coordination and Participation

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Coordination with Renewable Energy and Transmission Planning Activities for the California Desert

- Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative
- Bureau of Land Management's programmatic environmental impact statements: geothermal, wind, and solar
- Individual applications to build renewable-energy and related transmission-line projects
- Local Agency renewable energy planning activities
- Non-Governmental Organization renewable energy planning activities
- Other desert planning and development activities



Opportunities to Participate

- All DRECP workshops will be Webexed to allow for remote participation.
- All DRECP workshops will be held in the Mojave and Colorado Desert regions, not in Sacramento.
- Drafts of DRECP written products will be circulated for public review and comment:
 - DRECP *Planning Agreement*
 - DRECP draft plan and environmental document.
 - DRECP *Implementation Agreement*
- Initial Draft and Revised Draft *Best Management Practices Manual*



Best Management Practices Manual

The REAT shall develop and publish a Best Management Practices manual to assist Renewable Portfolio Standard project applicants in designing projects to emphasize siting considerations and minimize environmental impacts for RPS desert projects by December 31, 2009.



Best Management Practices Manual

- **RPS projects:**
 - Solar
 - Wind
 - Geothermal
 - Biomass
- **BMPs: General, Construction, Operation, Closure**
- **Developer Guidelines to improve permitting process**



BMP Development and Review

- **REAT will issue draft manual – Aug. 09.**
- **Public Workshop, Review & Comment – Sept. 09**
- **REAT will issue draft final – Oct. 09**
- **Public Workshop, Review & Comment – Nov. 09**
- **Agency adoption - Dec. 09**



How to get more information

- DRECP and BMP Manual
- to receive notices directly, sign up for the 33X2020 list server at
 - <http://www.energy.ca.gov/33by2020/index.html>
- BLM Solar PEIS
 - <http://solareis.anl.gov/>

