

California Desert and Solar Working Group

c/o Resources Legacy Fund
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October 13, 2009

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-Renew EO-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Draft BMP Manual

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Desert Solar Working Group is a group of environmental and solar industry companies and organizations, supported by philanthropic interests. Our goal is to protect ecosystems, landscapes and species while supporting the timely development of solar energy resources in the California desert.

We appreciate the effort that has gone into the draft BMP Manual, and we intend to provide joint comments on the document. That said, our diverse perspectives and the sheer magnitude of the document require additional time and study on our part to develop consensus comments.

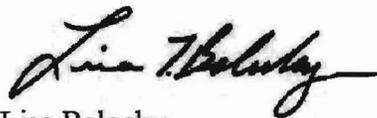
We therefore respectfully request that you extend the comment deadline to November 20, 2009. We very much hope to give you meaningful joint comments at that time. In the meantime, we urge you not to delay attention to projects that are currently in process and may qualify for stimulus funds.

Thank you for your understanding and courtesy in this matter.

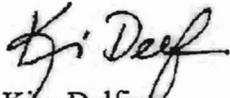
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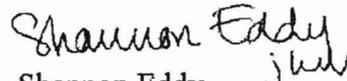
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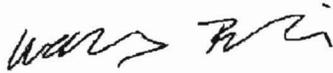
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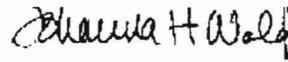
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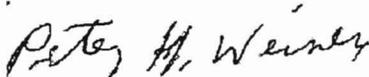
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