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Public Meeting Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Stakeholder Committee has been set for:

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mission Inn

Music Room

3649 Mission Inn Avenue

Riverside, CA 92501

(Wheelchair Accessible)

The California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) was established by Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-14-08, which identifies targets for increasing California's renewable energy portfolio. The DRECP will further these objectives and accelerate the processing of renewable projects in the California desert (Mojave and Colorado Deserts). The DRECP is an NCCP, which will help provide for effective protection and conservation of desert ecosystems while allowing for the appropriate development of renewable energy projects. It will provide long-term endangered species permit assurances to renewable energy developers and provide a process for conservation funding to implement the DRECP. It will also serve as the basis for one or more Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

The Stakeholder Committee is being created for the purpose of bringing all stakeholder interests together in a group. It is an advisory group that will inform the California Energy Commission, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Renewable Energy Action Team as the plan progresses. The California Natural Resources Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game are included as participating, ex-officio members of the Stakeholder Committee.

The DRECP Director is Robert Copper and he chairs the Stakeholder Committee meetings. He may be contacted at (916) 653-9205 or by e-mail at: [\[Robert.copper@resources.ca.gov\]](mailto:Robert.copper@resources.ca.gov).

Stakeholder Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions – To help stakeholders get to know each other at this first meeting, please introduce yourself and speak briefly about your organization and your interest in the DRECP.
3. Purpose of the DRECP and its dual goals to facilitate the development of renewable energy and create a NCCP and HCP(s) for the study area.
4. Organization of the DRECP project and the Renewable Energy Action Team, which serves as the Executive Steering Committee of the DRECP.
5. Introduction to the stakeholder process – information about meetings, alternates, ground rules, public access, and outreach.
6. DRECP planning goals and preliminary conservation objectives – The DRECP was initiated by a planning agreement among the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Energy Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. This agreement calls out the DRECP goals and discusses preliminary conservation objectives as stated in the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act. These preliminary goals and objectives will be discussed. Components of the DRECP and the Independent Science Advisor process will also be discussed.
7. Preliminary maps developed by the Renewable Energy Action Team will be shown and discussed, and these will serve as a starting point for the stakeholder committee and the independent science advisors as the plan progresses.
8. Stakeholder comments – Any stakeholders who have comments may make them at this point in the agenda.
9. Next meeting and adjournment.

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