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Public Meeting of Independent Science Advisors to the California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Independent scientists, selected for their expertise in the fields of biology, botany, and desert ecology, will advise the Renewable Energy Action Team on biological issues and questions critical to preparing the California Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). Dr. Wayne Spencer of the Conservation Biology Institute will be the Independent Science Advisors' lead scientist and science facilitator.

A public meeting of the Independent Science Advisors will be held on:

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel Ontario Airport
Lake Arrowhead Room
222 North Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764-4431
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Background and Purpose

Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-14-08 directed the Renewable Energy Action Team, composed of the California Energy Commission, Department of Fish and Game, federal Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to implement specific activities pertaining to renewable energy facility permitting and natural resource conservation planning in the Mojave and Colorado Desert regions. One activity is to prepare the DRECP using the state's Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) Act process.

At this meeting, attendees will be briefed on the scope and nature of the DRECP. The science advisors would like to receive presentations or other information from the public on the scientific matters listed below. The public is also requested to share information sources about biological resources in the region that could help the advisors develop useful recommendations to the DRECP. The public should also suggest questions for the advisors to address when developing their recommendations.

The NCCP process requires DRECP planners to select independent scientists and solicit their input and recommendations on the following matters (at a minimum):

- Conservation strategies for species and natural communities proposed to be covered by the plan;
- Reserve design principles that address the needs of species, landscapes, ecosystems, and ecological processes in the planning area;
- Management principles and conservation goals for guiding development of the monitoring and adaptive management component of the plan; and,
- Data gaps and uncertainties affecting evaluation of risk factors.

An *NCCP Independent Science Advisors Report* will document their input, recommendations, and responses to science-based questions.

The DRECP effort also includes a Stakeholders Committee, whose meetings are chaired by DRECP Director Robert Copper. The committee held its first meeting on March 23, 2010 in Riverside, California. Presentations from that meeting, including an overview of the independent science advisor process, are posted at [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/33by2020/documents/index.html>]. This web address also provides a form to join the 33X2020 list service for receiving notices of DRECP Stakeholders Committee meetings and publications.

Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 10, 2010. Please include the docket number RENEW EO-01 and indicate Renewable Energy Executive Order in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an **original copy** to:

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

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting attached comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call DRECP Director, Robert Copper at (916) 653-9205 or by e-mail at [Robert.Copper@resources.ca.gov] or Paul Richins at (916) 654-4074 or by e-mail at [prichins@energy.state.ca.us].

If you wish to make a formal presentation (for example, with audiovisuals and handouts) at this meeting, please contact Mignon Marks at (916) 654-4832 or by e-mail at [mmarks@energy.state.ca.us].

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