

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Update

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Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

- State Natural Communities Conservation Plan
- Federal Habitat Conservation Plan

State and federal governments are committed to developing compatible renewable energy generation facilities and related transmission infrastructure to achieve these requirements and goals, but they are also committed to conserving biological and natural resources within the state.

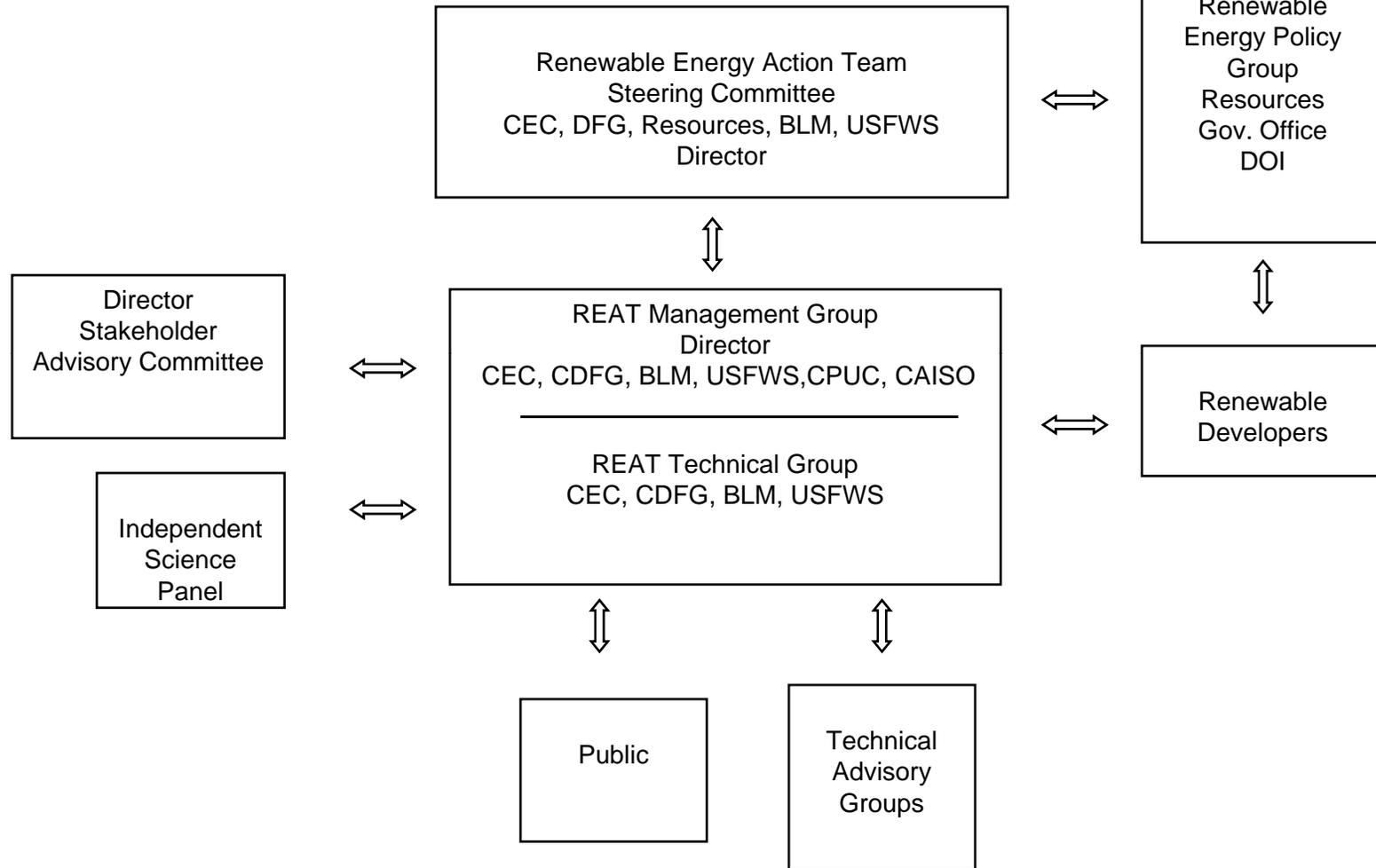


BACKGROUND

- Nov 2008 Executive Order S-14-08
- Nov 2008 REAT MOU CEC/DFG/BLM/USFWS
- Mar 2009 DOI Secretarial Order 3285
- Oct 2009 MOU CA/DOI to establish REPG
- Oct 2009 Draft Planning Agreement
- Dec 2009 Agency and public comments received
- Jan 2010 DRECP Director
- Feb 2010 REAT finalizing Planning Agreement comments



Desert Renewable Energy Cons. Plan



California Energy Commission



Draft Planning Agreement

by and among

California Department of Fish and Game,

California Energy Commission,

United States Bureau of Land Management, and

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

for the

Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

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Department of
Fish and Game



Bureau of Land
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Wildlife Service

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- ***Planning Goals***
- Provide for the long-term conservation and management of Covered Species within the Planning Area;
- Preserve, restore, and enhance natural communities and ecosystems that support Covered Species within the Planning Area;
- **Build on the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones identified by RETI;**
- **Further identify the most appropriate locations within the Planning Area for the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects, taking into account potential impacts to threatened and endangered species and sensitive natural communities;**
- Provide a means to implement Covered Activities in a manner that complies with the NCCPA, FESA, NEPA, CEQA, and other relevant laws;
- Provide a basis for the issuance of Incidental Take Authorizations allowing the lawful take of Covered Species incidental to Covered Activities;
- Provide for issuance of take permits for other species that are not currently listed but which may be listed in the future;
- Provide a comprehensive means to coordinate and standardize mitigation and compensation requirements for Covered Activities within the Planning Area;
- Provide a framework for a more efficient process by which proposed renewable energy projects within the Planning Area may obtain regulatory authorizations and which results in greater conservation values than a project-by-project, species-by-species review would have;
- Provide durable and reliable regulatory assurances, as appropriate, under the NCCPA and the FESA for Covered Activities that occur within the Planning Area; and
- Identify and incorporate climate change adaptation research, management objectives, and/or policies into the final plan document.



Preliminary List of Covered Activities

Solar Projects (PV and Thermal)

Wind Projects

Geothermal Projects

RPS Biomass Projects

Transmission

- * New foundation, delivery, and connector transmission lines required for accessing renewable energy;
- * Transmission Upgrades -i.e., reconductoring or rebuilding;
- * New Transmission lines to connect renewable energy projects to the grid;
- * Tower or Pole replacements; and
- * Substations and switchyards.



Next DRECP Activities

Species Sensitivity Mapping

Draft Conservation Strategy

Conservation & Development Study Areas

Mitigation Strategy

Interim Measures

Desert Renewable Conservation Plan

Environmental Review



DRECP Information

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/33by2020/index.html>

Executive Order S-14-08

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List Server <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>

