

Environmental Working Group
June 6, 2008

Attendees:

Steering committee members: Wald, Zichella, Gary Allen (SCE), Rainer Aringhoff (solar), Michel Remington representing Juan Carlos Sandoval (IID), Paul Richins representing Clare Laufenberg (Energy Commission), Nancy Rader representing Dariush Shirmohammadi (wind), Ann Gillette (PUC), Karen Mills (CA Farm Bureau)

Other participants: Ryan Drobek (CEERT), Arthur Haubenstock (Bright Source), Joan Taylor (Sierra Club), Rachel Gold (Solar Millenium), Alice Bond (The Wilderness Society), Billie Blanchard (PUC), Monica Argandona (California Wilderness Coalition), Terry Rose and other cartographers (CEC), Mike Skuja, D'anne Albers (Defenders of Wildlife), Brenda Lemay (Horizon), Mark Lausten (DOE)

Coordinator: Rich Ferguson

- * began discussion of how RETI should treat water use in connection with solar and, to a lesser extent, geothermal, in response to CEC proposal that default technology for proxy projects in CREZs be air-cooled
- * discussed draft maps that had been prepared by the great cartographers at CEC
- * heard summary of proposal by some generators "for EWG screening"

Actions taken:

- * Rachel Gold and Arthur Haubenstock agreed to develop a proposal on water use for presentation to EWG at our next call, Thursday, June 12
- * Monica Argandona agreed to supply Bono bill to CEC for inclusion on maps
- * Paul Richins (CEC) agreed to check with Duane Marti re which map desert wildlife management areas and flat-tailed horned lizard, fringe-toed lizard and Mojave ground squirrel