

**DRAFT Recommendations of RETI EWG
for consideration of the
Stakeholder Steering Committee
Re: Environmental Screen for Phase 1B**

In order to accurately estimate the renewable development potential of proposed CREZs, Black & Veatch must recognize areas in which development is precluded or significantly restricted. The RETI Environmental Working Group (EWG) has identified the areas it believes satisfy these conditions.

Black & Veatch should, of course, assume that no development will occur in areas where development is effectively precluded, areas referred to here as Category 1 Lands.

Category 2 Lands are areas in which significant restrictions—but no outright prohibitions—are known to exist. The EWG recommends that Black & Veatch should assume that currently identifiable projects in Category 2 Lands will be developed. For purposes of estimating CREZ resource potential, Black & Veatch should also assume that projects not currently identifiable will not be developed in these areas. That is, Black & Veatch should not place ‘proxy projects’ in these areas.

The EWG also recommends that Black & Veatch provide the SSC with estimates of the amount of development potential in each CREZ that might be expected to occur in Category 2 Lands in the absence of restrictions.

The EWG emphasizes that only the resource development potential of these areas has been considered. The EWG has deferred consideration of potential transmission corridors in these areas to the future.

Category 1 Lands*	
Designated Federal Wilderness Areas	Private Preserves of The Wildlands Conservancy (conservation areas owned and managed by TWC for public benefit and use; development is precluded)
Wilderness Study Areas	BLM National Recreation Areas, BLM National Monuments
CA State Wilderness areas	Lands specified as of May 1, 2008 in Proposed Wilderness Bills (S. 493, H.R. 3682)
Units of National Park System (National Parks, National Monuments, National Recreation Areas, National Historic Sites, National Historic Parks, National Preserves)	Existing Conservation Mitigation banks under conservation easement approved by the state Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or Army Corps of Engineers
Inventoried Roadless areas on USFS national forests	CA state defined wetlands
National Historic and National Scenic Trails	
National Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers	
USFWS National Wildlife Refuges	
CA State Parks	
DFG Wildlife Areas and Ecological Reserves	
BLM King Range Conservation Area, Black Rock-High Rock National Conservation Area, and Headwaters Forest Reserve	
Lands precluded by development under HCPs and NCCPs	

*Some of these lands may allow transmission lines and access roads under certain circumstances.

Category 2 Lands**
BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
USFWS designated Critical Habitat for federally listed endangered and threatened species
Special wildlife management areas in the West Mojave Resource Management Plan. Desert Wildlife Management Areas and Mojave Ground Squirrel Conservation Areas.
Lands purchased by private funds and donated to BLM, specifically the California Desert Acquisition Project by the Wildlands Conservancy
“Proposed and Potential Conservation Reserves” in HCPs and NCCPs

**Some Category 2 lands have restrictions unique to each area. Some may prohibit development entirely, while others may permit development under certain conditions, or employing certain technologies. Moreover, in some cases, renewable developers may be able to reach an agreement with land managers of the Category 2 areas that allows development to proceed. However, for the purposes of project identification and CREZ descriptions, development in Category 2 areas should be assumed limited in the absence of site-specific information to the contrary.