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California Energy Commission
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RE: Docket No. 09-Renew EO-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Comments on DRECP

California Energy Commission:

Inyo County appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan and supports the California Energy Commission's efforts to more rapidly and effectively move California toward renewable energy resources.

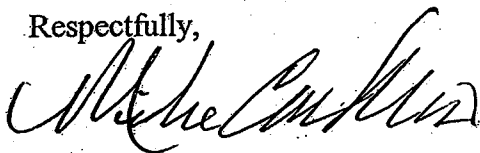
With the above in mind, Inyo County would like to submit the following comments on the DRECP:

- Inyo County respectfully requests membership on the appropriate steering or stakeholder committee in order that we may more effectively participate in county government and land use planning issues relating to the DRECP.
- Inyo County respectfully requests access to the GIS data files of the zones identified on the DRECP maps, for use in County GIS mapping.
- Inyo County maintains that the Category 1 Lands identified under the RETI process for our county are over-inclusive: the Category 1 Lands identified on the environmental map identified as the "Boxer Bill Map" include lands that are at this time only proposed as wilderness areas. Inyo County would request that Category 1 Lands be limited to only those lands on which development is currently statutorily prohibited. We would request that DRECP maps reflect this concept.

Inyo County values the many environmental resources that combine to make the County such a unique place, while also valuing the abundant natural resources such as solar and geothermal that allow it to play an important part in moving California toward

renewables and greater energy self-sufficiency. The County looks forward to being included as an active participant in the DRECP process.

Respectfully,



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