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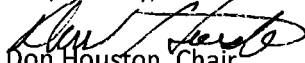
Dear Mr. Kenna:

The California Bureau of Land Management's Desert Advisory Council urges you to adopt the no action alternative for the proposed Soda Mountain Solar Project due to that project's irreversible harm to the Mojave National Preserve, scenic viewsheds, bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, kit fox and burrowing owls. Moreover, we firmly believe that no reconfiguration of the proposed project can alleviate these significant impacts.

The Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of stakeholders appointed by the United States Department of Interior and was created by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976. An essential part of its charter is to develop recommendations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area managed by the California Desert BLM office known as the California Desert Conservation Area.

While the DAC recognizes that the official public comment period for the Draft Soda Mountain Solar DEIS/EIR has closed, we believe this comment is timely and pertinent in light of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Department of Interior (DOI) meetings that are being held currently regarding this particular project and the continued importance of Secretarial Order 3330 which urges DOI agencies to avoid environmental impacts by implementing landscape level planning.

Respectfully,


Don Houston, Chair
Desert Advisory Council