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State Officials Call on U.S. Bureau of Land Management to Preserve Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

Sacramento—Natural Resources Secretary John Laird, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director Charlton Bonham and California Energy Commission Executive Director Drew Bohan today called on the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to preserve the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan that was finalized in 2016 to manage renewable energy, conservation lands and recreation in the Mojave Desert.

In letters submitted today, the California officials cited extensive stakeholder input and public outreach over eight years and said the plan provides for renewable energy production from public lands while protecting the desert and its biological, cultural and recreational values. Reopening the plan would create uncertainty and unneeded delays for renewable energy projects and conservation on public lands.

The letter by Secretary Laird and the joint letter by Executive Director Bohan and Director Bonham can be found [here](#).

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