



# Desert Managers Group

**Information Brief**

**Energy Program Overview**



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# Purpose

- **To Inform the Desert Managers Group about CDD's energy program**
- **To share and seek validation on data**
- **Encourage more partners in Wind Working Group**



# Briefing Format



## ■ Policy

- Energy Policy Act

## ■ Planning & Priorities

- CDCA Plan
- Annual Work Plans

## ■ Resources

- Wind
- Solar
- Geothermal
- Rights of Way

## ■ Perspectives

- Implementation
- Field Workload & Issues

## ■ Summary

- Ongoing Actions
- So What?



# Policy

## ■ Energy Policy Act

- Established Departmental Initiatives

## ■ Applicable to BLM/CDD

- Section 102-111 Energy Management, Use & Efficiency
- Section 211 Renewable Energy
- Section 221-237 Geothermal
- Section 368 Designation of Right-of-Way Corridors
- Section 372 Right-of-Way MOU
- Section 1221 Electric Transmission Rights-of-Way



# Planning

## ■ Need For The Desert Plan

- Basic Conflicts
  - Natural environment
  - Human social demands
- Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976
  - Directs BLM to inventory CDCA resources and to prepare a comprehensive land-use management plan for the area.
- California Desert Conservation Plan
  - Energy Production and Utility Corridors
  - Geology, Energy and Minerals



# Planning



## ■ CDCA Plan - GEM

- Goals
- Database
- Multiple-Use Class
  - Casual Use
  - Surface Disturbance, -5ac
  - Special Areas – PO, +5ac
- Implementation
  - Make land available
  - Ensure reclamation
  - Make data available

## ■ CDCA Plan – EP& UC

- Goals
- Decision Criteria
  - Considerations
- Plan Elements
  - Land Use Activities
  - Corridors
  - Power-Plant Sites
  - Energy Sources/Infrastructure
- Implementation
  - Coordination



# Planning

## ■ Implementation

- Sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the Plan will be considered through various planning processes to include Plan Amendments.
- 14 Amendments approved since 1980.
  - Deletion all or portions of corridors
  - Designated new corridors
  - Activated portions of contingent corridors
  - Granted permission to construct outside the corridor



# CDD Priorities

## ■ FY 2007 Annual Work Plan

- BLM top priority for FY 2007
- Process energy and related actions efficiently
- CA BLM 07 Strategic Priorities
  - Implement National Energy Plan
  - Complete Truckhaven Geothermal leasing
  - Expedite renewable/nonrenewable permits & related infrastructure
  - Address access to energy resources in LUP
  - Make mineral materials available for energy development



# Resources



- Wind
- Solar
- Geothermal
- Corridors
- Rights of Way



# Perspectives

## ■ Field Office Issues

- Evaluation of new corridors
- UXO's
- Military Low Level Air Space
- Mining
- Pending Litigation
- Other Federal Lands, NPS, Military, USFWS
- Consultations



# Perspectives



## ■ Field Office Workload

- Non-Motorized Recreation
- Motorized Recreation
- Other competing uses
- Other Lands and Realty workload
- Staff vacancies



# Summary

## ■ Ongoing Actions

- Processing individual applications
- California Governor's Office Of Planning Research
- Wind Working Group
- Westwide Energy Corridor PEIS



# Summary

## ■ So What?

- Expand data sharing with DMG Partners
- CDD seek assistance from WO Energy Dev. Grp.
- Continue to develop local initiatives and increase partners within Wind Working Group
- CDD develop internal consistency with classifying all energy related projects and supporting infrastructure



# Questions



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