



CNPS Conservation

Updates from our work out of Sacramento
December 3, 2011



California Deserts

Moving Pieces

- DRECP
- BLM Solar PEIS (Supplemental)
- Individual Projects

CNPS Session

- 2012 Conference: Renewable Energy Session



Conference Session: Renewable Energy & Conservation

Objective: Articulate Facts / Myths about
CA's Energy Portfolio for 2050

Goal: ID 3 Top Issues & 3 Top Solutions

Panel:

- BLM's CA RE Project Coordinator
- CA Energy Commissioner
- Distributed Energy Engineer / Analyst
- Desert Protection Advocate



Walker Ridge

- Project applicant, Alta Gas, requested an indefinite delay to re-examine their Plan of Development
- BLM now estimates the publication of a DEIS sometime in early 2012
- The reason(s) for the delay remain unclear



Listing Petition Guidelines Document

- Symposium in September 2011
- RPPC Meeting
- Heath, Aaron, Greg, Jim contributions / edits / comments to Guidance Document Outline



Listing Petition Guidelines Document

Initial Outline Topics

- Informal Consultation with CDFG or USFWS
- Population Census
- Scientific Validity
- Conservation Validity
- Petition Submittal



THP

- State Assembly Committee hearing regarding project fees and DFG THP review staff funding
- advocating for the DFG Director to exercise existing authority to help secure funding to reinstate DFG's THP review staff
- CNPS on Chesbro's THP Working Group to examine the funding issue further during 2012



Conference Session: CEQA

Objective: Are there opportunities to re-Green CEQA?

Goal: ID 3 Top Issues & 3 Top Solutions

Panel: CEQA Practitioners

- 2 CEQA attorney experts
- Professional Planning Consultant
- Lead Agency (DFG) staff / Plant Conservationist



Communications

- Monthly Calls
- Blurbs for your Chapter Newsletters
- Presentations at your regular Chapter meetings



Will travel to Chapter Meetings!

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