

# Condors, Eagles and Wind Energy: Why have this workshop?





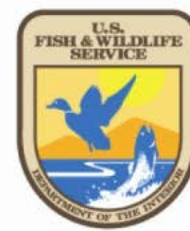
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# Focus on Renewable Energy

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- **Energy Policy Act of 2005**
- **CA Governor's 2008 Order**
- **2009 Secretarial Orders**
- **2009 California/DOI MOU**
- **financial incentives**



# Multi-Agency Collaboration

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- **Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT)**



- **Renewable Energy Policy Group (REPG)**



- **project siting**
- **streamlining review times**
- **deadlines for finance programs**
- **impacts to sensitive species**



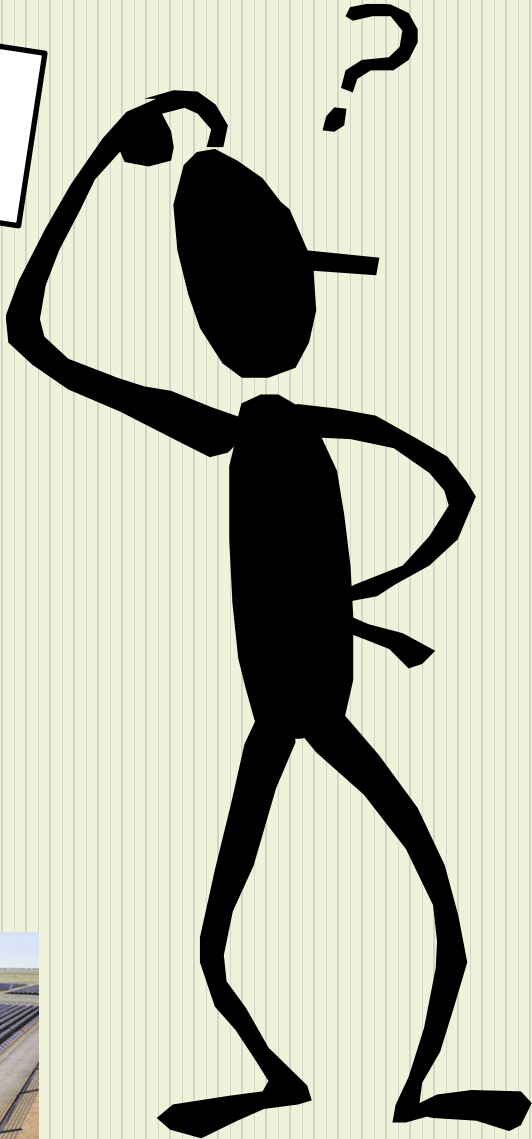
# Long-term solution: DRECP

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- **Executive Order signed by Gov. Schwarzenegger mandated development of DRECP**
- **protection/conservation of desert ecosystems while allowing utility-scale renewable energy projects**
- **provide long-term endangered species permit assurances to renewable energy developers**



**PRIVATE:**  
**NO TRESPASSING**



# Wind projects in California

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- **approx. 100 projects currently operational**
- **10 projects approved 2010-2011**
- **additional approx. 80 projects are proposed**
- **approx. 50 projects at preliminary assessment stage (met towers)**





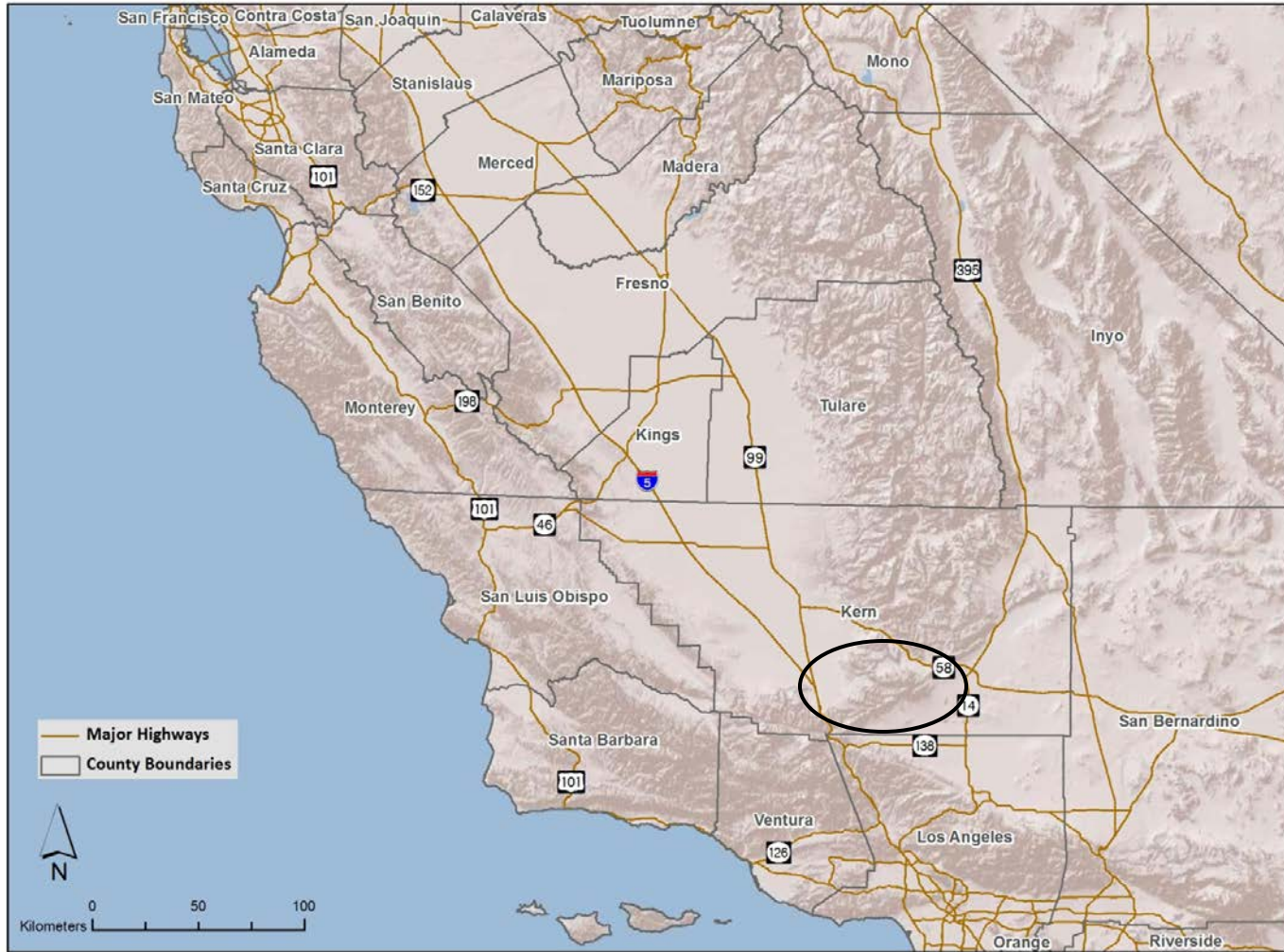
# Challenges with Wind Energy

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- **California condor**
  - **Federal and State listed / State fully protected**
  - **particularly in Tehachapi Mountains/so. Sierra**
- **eagles**
  - **federally protected by BGEPA and State fully protected**



# Tehachapi Mountains



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- **path forward has been unclear**
- **collaborative efforts are key**





***We Are All In This Together***