Figure 5. Preferred Alternative

MAP LEGEND DEFINITIONS

NOTE: Legend items defined on this chart represent a compilation of all legend call-outs on the alternatives maps. Not all legend items appear on each individual map.

DEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREAS

Development Focus Areas
Locations where renewable energy generation and transmission projects are covered and could be streamlined for approval under the DRECP.

STUDY AREA LANDS

Special Analysis Areas
An interim category used in certain DRECP alternatives to represent areas subject to ongoing analysis to inform the designation (development or conservation) that is expected to be made for the areas prior to agency decisions on the DRECP.

Future Assessment Areas
Designated areas in certain action alternatives that are subject to future assessment for suitability for renewable energy development or conservation designation. The knowledge about the value of these areas for renewable energy development is ambiguous. The current known value of these areas for ecological conservation is moderate to low; therefore, the areas are not allocated to either development or conservation and are assigned to future assessment and decisions.

DRECP Variance Lands
These represent the BLM Solar PEIS Variance Lands as screened for the DRECP based on BLM screening criteria. The lands are potentially available for renewable energy development, but would not benefit from the DRECP streamlined permitting process.

RESERVE DESIGN LANDS

Existing Conservation

Legislatively and Legally Protected Areas (LLPAs)
State and federal Wilderness Areas, National Parks, National Preserves, National Wildlife Refuges, California State Parks, CDFW Conservation Areas (Ecological Reserves and Wildlife Areas), CDFW mitigation and conservation easement areas, privately held conservation areas including mitigation banks and land trust lands, and Wilderness Study Areas

Military Expansion Mitigation Lands (MEMLs)
Lands conserved as mitigation for the expansion of Department of Defense installations.

BLM Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment Designations

National Landscape Conservation System
Proposed conservation designations on BLM-administered lands with nationally significant resources managed for conservation purposes.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
Existing and proposed designations on BLM-administered lands of natural or cultural resources determined to require special management attention to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural, or scenic values; fish and wildlife resources; or other natural systems or processes; or to protect life and safety from natural hazards.

Wildlife Allocation
Designations on BLM-administered lands where management emphasizes wildlife values.

Conservation Planning Areas

Conservation Planning Areas
In each action alternative, the portion of the DRECP Plan-Wide Reserve Design Envelope that falls outside of existing conservation areas and BLM-administered lands. A portion of the DRECP Conservation Area will be assembled by acquiring land or conservation easements from willing sellers in the Conservation Planning Areas to contribute to meeting the Plan-Wide Biological Goals and Objectives.

OTHER LANDS

Impervious and Urban Built-up Land
Existing developed areas.

Military
Department of Defense installations.

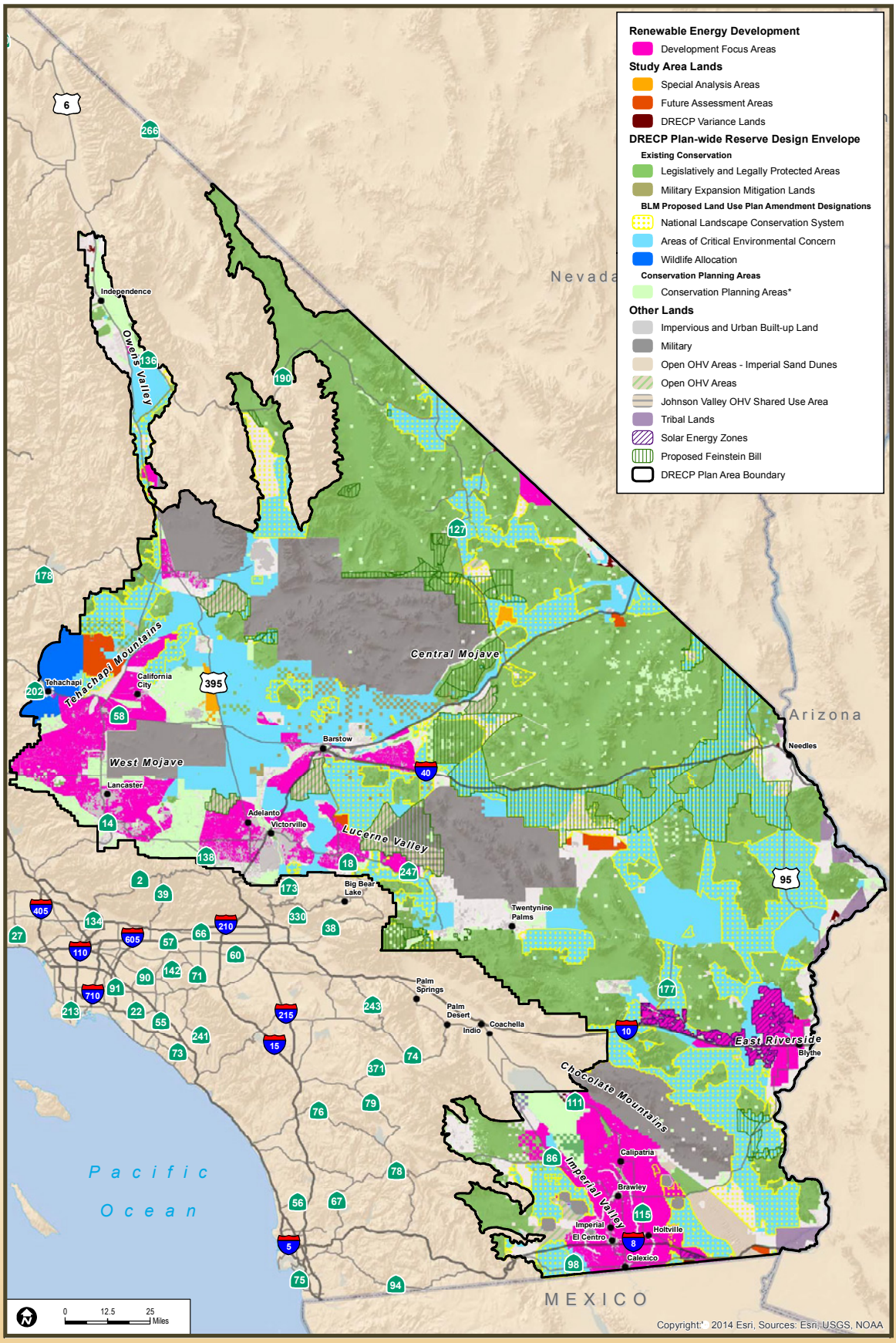
Open Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Areas – Imperial Sand Dunes
BLM Open OHV Areas within the approved Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan.

Open Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Areas
BLM Land Use Plan designations where motorized and non-motorized uses, including cross-country travel, is permitted.

Johnson Valley OHV Shared Use Area
An area adjacent to the Johnson Valley BLM Open OHV Area and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms designated as a shared use area.

Tribal Lands
Native American administered lands.

Solar Energy Zones
BLM Solar PEIS established zones of potential solar energy development on BLM-administered lands.

Proposed Feinstein Bill
Areas identified for conservation, recreation, and other purposes under the California Desert Protection Act of 2011.

DRECP Plan Area Boundary
The DRECP Plan Area including the Mojave and Sonoran/Colorado Deserts and adjacent areas within California.