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Re: Staff Response to Shasta County's re: Reimbursement Request

Dear Ryan M. F. Baron:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received Shasta County's letter dated May 15, 2025, (TN 263117) providing supplemental information related to Shasta County's reimbursement requests. The letter notes that a meeting with the applicant on this matter did not result in any resolution.

Public Resource Code sections 25519(f) and 25538 establish a framework for a local agency to receive reimbursement for the actual costs of reviewing the application upon CEC request. Public Resources Code section 25519(f) orients local agencies to the categories of input most useful to the CEC which include the design of the facility, architectural and aesthetic features of the facility, access to highways, landscaping and grading, public use of lands in the area of the facility, and other appropriate aspects of the design, construction, or operation of the proposed site and related facility. In addition to these categories, California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1877(f) directs CEC staff to seek comments from the local government on the portion of the application addressing the project's overall net economic benefits.

After reviewing the various County filings in the Fountain Wind Docket, 23-OPT-01, staff has identified specific sections in the following filings that provided information to CEC staff related to the design, construction, or operation of the proposed project, and would be subject to reimbursement to the extent there were costs to draft the identified sections. In the case of comments from the Shasta County Air Quality Management District, only costs not already covered by the \$75 filing fee would be eligible for reimbursement. Staff notes that these

sections were cited in the staff assessment evidencing the relevance of the comments.

- TN 254693 2/26/2024 Shasta County Air Quality Management District Input on the Opt-in Application for Certification of the Fountain Wind Project, pp. 7-13, 19-48.
- TN 259437 10/3/2024 County of Shasta's AB 205 Review and Comments on Fountain Wind Project, pp. 2-17.
- TN 260101 11/15/2024 County of Shasta Comments on Wildfire, Economics, and Various Project Environmental Issues, pp. 2-69.
- TN 260646 12/13/2024 County of Shasta's AB 205 Continuing Review and Additional Comments on Fountain Wind Project, pp. 1-11, 16-25.

The County's reasonable cost to generate the identified portions of the four filings should be reflected on invoices and provided to CEC staff for review and the applicant for review and payment.

/s/

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