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# Notice of Consideration of Executive Director's Recommendation on Fountain Wind LLC's Opt-In Application for the Fountain Wind Project (23-OPT-01)

**December 19, 2025** 10:00 a.m.

## In-person at:

California Natural Resources Building 715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium Sacramento, CA 95814 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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As part of the December 19, 2025 Business Meeting, the California Energy Commission (CEC) will consider the Executive Director's recommendation to deny Fountain Wind LLC's Opt-In application to construct and operate the proposed Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County.

# **Background**

Under its Opt-In Certification Program, the CEC is responsible for reviewing applications of eligible clean energy facilities for possible certification. The Fountain Wind LLC applicant is seeking certification from the CEC to construct and operate the Fountain Wind Project, a proposed wind energy generation facility on approximately 2,855 acres of private, leased, working forest land in unincorporated Shasta County, California, near the town of Burney. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1879, the CEC prepared a Staff Assessment, which included a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), for the proposed project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 21178) of Division 13,

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including Sections 21183 and 21183.6,<sup>1</sup> of the Public Resources Code. Following the Staff Assessment's publication, CEC staff conducted a staff assessment meeting and accepted comments during a 60-day public comment period.

Public Resources Code section 25545.6 and California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1879(c) require the CEC's Executive Director to file a recommendation on whether the CEC should certify the environmental impact report and issue a certificate for the construction and operation of the facility.

## **Availability of Documents:**

Documents and presentations, including the Executive Director's Recommendation, are available on the project's docket, <u>23-OPT-01</u>, at <a href="https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-OPT-01">https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-OPT-01</a>.

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<sup>1</sup> The Staff Assessment is available at <a href="https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=262350&DocumentContentId=98875">https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=262350&DocumentContentId=98875</a>.

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