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# California Energy Commission

Fountain Wind Project (23-OPT-01) Informational and Scoping Meeting

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# Staff Assessment

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- Includes an Environmental Impact Report
- Topics analyzed:
  - Engineering Assessment (Facility Design, Reliability, Transmission System Engineering, Worker Safety and Fire Protection)
  - Environmental Impact Assessment (Air Quality, Biology, Climate Change/GHG, Cultural/Tribal Cultural, Efficiency/Energy Resources, Geo/Paleo/Minerals, Hazards/Hazardous Materials/Wildfire, Land Use/Ag/Forestry, Noise and Vibration, Public Health, Socioeconomics, Solid Waste, Transmission Line Safety and Nuisance, Transportation, Visual, Water Quality/Supply)
  - Environmental Justice, Alternatives, Mandatory Opt-in Requirements



# Preliminary Analysis

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Probable Significant Effects in the following Topic Areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Visual Resources
- Wildfire
- Inconsistency with local ordinance

See Notice of Preparation (TN 252898) docketed Nov. 2, 2023, for additional detail





# Scoping Input

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- All comments are welcome, including general expressions of opposition to or support for the project
- There is no need to re-iterate written comments already posted to the docket—everything in the docket is considered by CEC staff and decision-makers
- If you are providing oral comment tonight, we encourage you to also submit your comment in written form to the project docket if you have not already done so
- General tips for meaningful input (knowledge, expertise, sources)
- Meeting notice included questions prompting specific input CEC is seeking.



# Focused Scoping Questions

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1. What value to state goals, such as meeting renewable energy and greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, does the project and its 205 MW of renewable energy generation bring, if any? What value to local consumer benefits, local environmental goals, and grid reliability within the county does the project create, if any?
2. The applicant is proposing to contract with the Community Foundation of the North State to fund grants to meet the legal requirement for the applicant to enter into one or more legally binding and enforceable agreements with, or that benefit, a coalition of one or more community-based organizations. Does such an agreement provide community-based benefits? What types of projects should be funded to benefit local communities?



# Focused Scoping Questions (continued)

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3. Are there alternative renewable energy generation technologies or project sites the state should consider instead of the Fountain Wind's potential energy generation of 205 MWs?
4. Are there mitigation measures sufficient to reduce significant impacts identified for the bio, tribal cultural, visual, and wildfire topic areas below the level of significance? What additional mitigation measures might CEC staff consider to further reduce impacts in these topic areas?



# Focused Scoping Questions (continued)

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5. Are there other topic areas in which the proposed project creates a potential significant environmental effect?
6. The proposed project is inconsistent with the Shasta County ordinance which bans large scale wind projects and concludes that such projects have no positive economic benefit to the county. The opt-in law authorizes the CEC to approve a project despite a conflicting local ordinance. What factors are most important and should be considered by CEC staff in developing a recommendation for or against approval of the project despite the inconsistency with the local ordinance?





**Thank You!**

