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Opposition to fountain wind project

I am opposed to the fountain wind project for innumerable reasons:

1. Firefighting ability - opinions for the project have financial relationship with the state. no current contract pilots were questioned re flying the project, retired pilots are very negative about flying this project. Small dip ponds available for water will be near impossible to use by choppers due to the wind, smoke and fire through the area.
2. Water use for resident by well and or springs were not well researched. The explosives used on site has a high probability of damaging springs and wells in the area surrounding the project. The amount and placement of pesticides and weed killers can affect near water supplies.
3. Connectgen believes there are no land slides in their area, yet there are numerous documented slides immediately surrounding the area. Appearance of slides visible in photographs and from Hiway 299E.
4. Successive electrical project have been placed or attempted placement over many years. Connectgen admits fwp is just phase 2. We know that Avengrid studied north to McCloud and south towards Shingletown. We are innandated with electrical fields already, we don't need more!
5. There are many areas in Shasta County for renewable energy projects but none were considered. Connectgen purchased the specific project from Avengrid, but that project had no alternative, therefore Connectgen had no other plan available to present as an alternative.
6. Trust is paramount in our area, yet cultural studies were started prior to mtg with the tribes cultural rep. Much like with the Hatchet wind project and moving marking stones. Why does Pattern Energy originally protest the fwp but then Connectgen and Pattern partner up on joint project? PG&E has made promises to us and declared bankruptcy, Pattern and Shasta Co made promises to us and failed. Now Connectgen makes promises of money, yet they do not get that we want nothing to do with them or their dirty money. We do not trust them! If they want to buy surrounding properties for fair market value, then we have the possibility of leaving.
7. We are and have been poor people that everyone wants to take advantage of. We have cheap property and are perceived as ignorant. We are not and are standing up for our rights!
8. Tourism will nose dive in eastern Shasta county; people don't come here to see the biggest turbines in the USA!!
9. Who will repair all local roads from over use. Traffic is horrendous and I believe this time someone will die due to traffic

Will comment further later!
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