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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

REPORT OF CONVERSATION



**Siting, Transmission
and Environmental
Protection Division**

FILE:

PROJECT TITLE: Fountain Wind Project

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TECHNICAL AREA(S): Wildfire, Cultural Resources, Aesthetics, Soils, Hydrology

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Meeting Location: Gaia Hotel – Anderson, CA

NAME: Eric Knight

DATE:

November 29,
2023

TIME:

10:00 a.m.

WITH:

Shasta County Supervisors Mary Rickert and Tim Garman, County Counsel Matthew McOmber, Director of Resources Management Paul Hellman, Outside Counsel to Shasta County Ryan Baron, and Shasta County constituents.

SUBJECT:

Listening Session with Shasta County Regarding County Concerns

COMMENTS:

On November 29, 2023, the California Energy Commission (CEC) including Commissioner Noemi Gallardo, Special Advisor James Qaquadah, Executive Director Drew Bohan, Director of the Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection (STEP) Division Elizabeth Huber, Deputy Director of STEP Dian Vorters, Siting and Environmental Branch Manager Eric Knight, and Attorneys Jared Babula and Mariah Ponce met with Shasta County Board of Supervisors Mary Rickert and Tim Garman, County Counsel Matthew McOmber, Director of Resources Management Paul Hellman, Outside Counsel to Shasta County Ryan Baron, and Shasta County constituents.

This meeting was at the request of Shasta County for a listening session to discuss the County’s concerns with the Fountain Wind Project (23-OPT-01). The County voiced opposition to the project and concerns regarding impacts to wildfire hazards, aerial firefighting, water quality, biological resources, tribal cultural resources, and property value. Shasta County constituents provided a first-hand recount of the 1992 Fountain Fire and voiced concerns with site access and fire escape routes during wildfires, soil erosion impacts on private property, and the Project’s water supply source, among other issues. CEC staff reiterated the commitment for independent review of the project and a fair and transparent process to ensure all stakeholders are engaged.