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Local Resident

CEC:

I have been a resident of Montgomery Creek for almost 34 years. I live on the Cove Rim, have a view from my house of 14 Turbines from Hatchet Ridge, Burney Mountain, Magee Peak, Snow Mountain, Round Mountain and the Pit River.

Visitors do not come to visit here to view large industrial sized wind turbines, which will be a real blight to these neighborhoods. They come to view the hills, mountains, streams, springs, rivers, waterfalls, the forests and the local wildlife.

Home fire insurance increases each year, mine jumped 40%, and with this project possibly being approved, many more Insurance Companies will either raise everyone's rates again, or like so many, they will cancel residents' policies trying to avoid liability. Many will no longer insure anyone in California.

This community is located in the Pacific Flyway, too. Can you imagine how Butterflies, Hummingbirds, and other fowl and animals can travel through these destructive blades. Many fowl migrate here each year to raise their young in the some 50+ local ponds in the area. And considering the dead fowl and animal count in these projects, they would count bi-weekly and monthly for dead and dying fowl or animals. If you know anything about the woods or forested lands, any dead or dying species are on the menu immediately, and not able to be counted! So these counts are significantly a falsehood.

I am opposed to this project, because there will be no Aerial Fire Support during a wildland fire. Having been a volunteer with the Montgomery Creek Volunteer Fire Company during the Fountain Fire in 1992, my husband and I saw firsthand how destructive a Wild Fire, driven by winds, spotting the fire ¼ mile ahead of itself, can be. Our Company was stationed behind the gas station in Montgomery Creek. The fire was approaching a large field behind the station, our Fire Chief radioed in to Redding to ask for a Bomber for a fire suppressant drop, he could not make contact with CDF with his CDF Radio. Our Asst. Chief was able to reach them with a USFS Radio. The Plane drop was completed, and it saved the Notary, the Post Office, the Montgomery Creek Store, Montgomery Creek Cafe, and the School. Without air support, the entire town would have been in ashes. Just prior to this, the Hill County Clinic and Ranch Road Country Store had already burned. If a wildland fire starts near or in this Project, it will totally destroy the town of Montgomery Creek and other communities in this area, and perhaps travel on towards Burney. Flesh and blood on the ground cannot stop a fire of this magnitude!

Why does the State of CA entertain projects like this, with the owner of the project being a company from Spain, and the timberland is owned by a company from Australia?!

CA does not need any more green energy, as Shasta County makes their share of it in Hydro, which the State "refuses to classify as Green Energy"! PG&E and other utility have at times had extra solar power they had to dispose of and have given it away to other states, and have many times paid that state to take it!
<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-fi-electricity-solar/>

I am asking the CEC to thoroughly examine the facts and realize this area is not a project to approve given all the negative reasons. This project was thoroughly examined previously, and now the CEC needs to do the right thing.

Joan M. DiMaio