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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Electrical Commission
Shasta County Fountain Wind Project

Greetings, California Electrical Commission Members,

I am a local businessman and resident in Shasta County. I was raised here and look towards eventually retiring here. I care for the well-being of my community from a social, economic, and quality-of-life perspective.

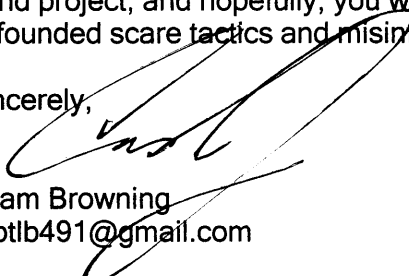
The Fountain Wind project will provide numerous construction-related jobs over two years, high-paying operational jobs for the life of the project, and short-term and long-term tax revenue. Quality of life should be maintained and possibly improved during the construction and operation of the project by your imposition of requirements that safeguard the environment initially and over the long run.

There appear to be a lot of scare tactics based on misinformation being used by those who appear to be vehemently opposed to the project. While I strongly support everyone's right to express their opinions, I am of the mindset that opinions, particularly those addressing technologically related issues, should be based on substantive facts and findings.

There are misleading statements being made, such as that the project will result in the deaths of thousands of birds. These statements are being accepted by many at face value because "they have a friend of a friend" who is knowledgeable regarding the wind turbines at Altamont Pass. However, what is not being disclosed, probably due to a lack of individual research and understanding, is that the approximate 5,000 windmills constructed in the 1980s were small, inefficient, and with no environmental oversight, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 4,700 birds per year. An "Altamont" type project would not be built today because it would not be approved given the state's strict environmental regulations. Furthermore, today's turbines are much larger, resulting in a fewer number of turbines. I read that the Scott Haggerty wind farm in Altamont replaced 569 turbines with 23 modern ones in 2021. One only needs to compare today's technology with that which is over 40 years old. A simple example is the safety and technological features of today's automobiles compared with those 43 years old.

I was not truly mindful of the Fountain Wind project proposed in 2019 and denied in 2021; in fact, there were not that many people in our area who knew about it. The primary reason why I have become aware of the project is that I have friends and other businesspersons who introduced me to the project. However, I did not accept without questioning much of what they touted regarding the project. I did some research and information from opponents and proponents of wind turbine projects. From my research, I have decided to support the Fountain Wind project, and hopefully, you will make the right decision and approve it based not on unfounded scare tactics and misinformation but on a clear understanding of the project benefits.

Sincerely,



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