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## **Approve Fountain Wind**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

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California Electric Commission  
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Re: The Fountain Wind Project

Electric Commission Members

As a still active licensed mortgage broker and realtor, born and raised in Weed and have lived in Redding for over 63 years, I am a true long-term, over 80-year resident of the north state who supports the Fountain Wind Project. I have two children born and raised here, of which one who still lives and works will, like me, benefit from the positive economic benefits the project will bring to the north state, particularly Shasta County, while not compromising our quality of life.

I cannot find any reason why the project should not be approved unless I lived right next door to it under the shadow of a windmill. However, I understand that ConnectGen, the developer, removed 24 of the windmills from the original 72 to 48. Those that were removed were very visible from State Route 299 and homes in Moose Camp. Therefore, the visual effects seem to have been addressed. People must also remember that as you drive along the highway, you will be focused on the road ahead, and when you do see the windmills, it will be for brief time periods, depending on your location. These windmills will not be as prominently visible as the existing ones along Hatchet Ridge.

As a mortgage broker, realtor, and a person who has ongoing interactions with county residents and businesspersons, I have not heard any complaints regarding the Hatchet Ridge windmills, their looks, the wholesale damage they have done to the environment, or how they decreased property values in the area. These are the common complaints that opponents are now making of the Fountain Ridge project, which are clearly unfounded.

While there will be some people who will oppose Fountain Wind, regardless of any attempts to address their objections, the sales and property taxes, construction jobs, and other employment opportunities the project provides are for the overall benefit of the county. These benefits as a whole far outweigh what appears the opposition of a selfish few.

Thank you

Wayne Barni

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Wayne Barni', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.