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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission Members
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Re: The Fountain Wind Project

Dear Commission Members

My wife and I are long-time Shasta County residents and business owners who recently retired and are choosing to remain in Shasta County. We raised our children here, and two of the three are employed outside the area. We would have been so pleased to have our children and grandchildren living in Shasta County, but unfortunately, there are a limited number of higher-paying employment opportunities for them.

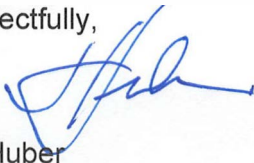
Over the last 15 years, we have seen an influx of better-than-average-paying jobs due to major industries either establishing new facilities here or expanding their operations in the area. Many of these businesses were attracted to the area by the recreational opportunities Shasta County offers, affordable housing, and the availability of potentially qualified employees. Furthermore, these companies wished to establish or relocate to an area where the local governments, residents, and businesses welcomed them. A few major projects ran into local but not governmental opposition. Unfortunately, our Board of Supervisors and a small number of residents in the area who already have "theirs" are fighting the project that many existing residents and businesses support.

The Board of Supervisors is opposing the project because of the state law that gives you the authority to process and approve the project. They are opposed to any State of California "interference" (with which they disagree) regardless of whether or not there are laws and regulations in effect. To oppose the State, they have based much of their decisions on inaccurate information regarding fire protection, noise effects, wildlife impacts, etc., from a small group of loud, vocal project opponents. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors totally ignored the fact that the 2021 Planning Department's Staff Report supported the approval of the project.

My family and I support the Fountain Wind Project and the socioeconomic benefits it will bring to Shasta County. Furthermore, based on what I have learned about the project, potential environmental impacts can be mitigated, thereby protecting the existing and future environment. How are we going to get power for all of our electric cars without projects like these? Please approve Fountain Wind.

I authorize Eihnard Diaz to submit this letter to the CEC docket

Respectfully,



Jim Huber