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Fountain Wind Approval

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

California Energy Commission

February 27, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today to express my support for the Fountain Wind Project and that you approve the project. As a small business owner and operator who is continuing my education while raising a daughter, we need major projects like Fountain Wind that can provide significant economic benefits to the community. Shasta County would greatly benefit from new sales taxes, property taxes, short-term direct and indirect construction employment, long-term employment with upper-income employment opportunities, and indirect employment and sales opportunities for other local retail and service businesses like mine over the 30-year lifespan of the project.

I am aware that some of our neighbors have a different opinion about the wind project, but I have confidence that the Energy Commission will sort through the unsubstantiated problems raised and review the accurate facts about the project. It seems to me that all the environmental problems raised by opponents are being addressed by the design, operation, and maintenance of the project. Furthermore, unlike older windmill projects, this project will have state-of-the-art windmills. The environmental report you are preparing will identify potential problem issues that the Fountain Wind developers, ConnectGen, will need to address so that the project can go forward. Based on what I've seen and heard so far, I'm confident the developer will address fire-related hazards, bird strikes, archaeological, and other wildlife issues, and above all will provide additional financial support through a community benefit program, something which no other new types of projects have offered to provide.

I care very much for our Shasta community and hope you will approve the project so that my family, friends, neighbors, and our local businesses can all benefit. A no-vote will cause us much more harm since projects like Fountain Wind provide Shasta County opportunities that most commercial projects do not.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kayla Hatch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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