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Fountain Wind Project Pit River Tribal Council Meeting

Date and Time: January 23, 2020; 1-3pm PT

Location: Pit River Tribe, Burney, CA

Attendees: Pit River Tribal Council, Elders, and Members (see sign-in sheet); ConnectGen (Henry Woltag and John Kuba); Stantec (Erin Sherlock and Alisa Reynolds)

Meeting Summary:

ConnectGen began the meeting with introductions and a brief overview of the company and its role in developing the Fountain Wind Project. ConnectGen relayed that it took over the development of the Project from Avangrid in August 2019 and is progressing the Project through design and permitting. The ConnectGen team discussed updates to the Project including reductions to the number of turbine locations being studied, from 100 to 72 sites, and the range of turbine types being considered, between 3.0 to 5.7 MW. Larger turbines would require fewer sites, while smaller turbines would require more sites to facilitate the Project interconnection.

The Project team also discussed the current status of resource studies being performed for the Project as well as the Environmental Impact Report being performed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Stantec, ConnectGen's cultural resource consultant, provided an overview of cultural resource studies to date, including discussion of survey area, methods, and results. One pre-historic sites identified within the Project survey area was discussed, and ConnectGen offered to provide the Cultural Resource Survey Report to the tribe for its review.

ConnectGen acknowledged that the team intends to maintain open communication and active engagement with the tribe to discuss any concerns related to cultural or tribal resource and general project information exchange. The balance of the meeting entailed tribal council, elders, and members requesting further information about the Project, asking questions, and providing information on tribal concerns related to the development.

Topics of Discussion:

The Tribe indicated this meeting is for information purposes only and that the meeting was not consultation under AB52.

The Tribe identified concern associated with previous wind development in Shasta County (Hatchet Ridge).

The Tribe does not support the project and issued a resolution against the Project in February 2019.

Hatchet Ridge Concerns – The Tribe discussed various concerns associated with the Hatchet Ridge Project that relate to their opposition to the Fountain Project. These included environmental impacts to cultural and natural resources stated below:

- No proponent presence in the County/community and the appearance that potential project impacts are self-regulated and unreported
- Lasting environmental concerns associated with development of infrastructure on historic tribal lands
- Lack of ability to access the site for religious purposes

- Post-construction bird counts performed but impacts to sensitive species are unaccounted for/unregulated
- Bears/wildlife have left the area
- Economic benefits were not distributed to tribes
- Impacts of the Project to hunting
- Loss of access to location for collection of basket weaving material
- Concern with the delayed construction and status of the new library that was part of the proposed economic benefits of the Project

Fountain Wind Concerns

- The Tribe not invited to participate in the Fountain cultural resource surveys. Tribe requested participation during early meetings with Avangrid and noted they should always be invited to monitor.
- Noted that the Project leasehold area contains known resources that may not display archaeological signature (elder mentioned ethnographic trails and quarries).
- The Tribe did not identify specific cultural sites associated with the area rather the entire leasehold area is important to the tribe.
- Concern that construction/operation of the Project will contribute to loss of tribal heritage due to new infrastructure built in otherwise undeveloped historic tribal lands and impacts to natural and cultural resources.
- The leasehold area is used for the collection of ethnobotanicals as well as hunting grounds. Concern with loss of access due to new timber company ownership as well as the potential loss of ethnobotanicals and wildlife due to Fountain construction activities.
- Discussed potential for Project visit for band representatives
- Concern with whether or not wind energy is needed, and that other sources of energy generation or technologies may be better suited.

Economic Benefits /Community Giving Discussion

- Economic benefits package must ensure money/benefits are earmarked for tribe.
- In regard to the Project's proposed community giving and economic benefits package, the Tribe indicated \$1 million is disproportionate compared to wind farm revenue.
- The Tribe questioned whether the local schools will receive benefits.
- Project should consider ways to improve life in an economically depressed area.
- Concern that the economic benefits will be overly dispersed amongst Shasta County as a whole and will not be realized in the Burney/Inter-mountain area.

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project:	Fountain Wind – ConnectGen & Stantec	Meeting Date:	01/23/2020
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