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Approve the Fountain Wind Project

I've lived in Shasta County most of my life. I can remember when the original wind turbines were installed on Hatchet ridge. There was push back when those were put in many years ago, none of the reasons given back then for why they shouldn't be installed have come to fruition. Most of the current complaints about the Fountain Wind Project are easily debunked by using the existing wind turbines as an example for how they will operate and effect the immediate area. For one example, we have had wildfires in the immediate area around the existing wind turbines and it has not in any way hampered the response to fighting the fires. It has in fact aided fire fighters' efforts by creating fire breaks and accessibility due to maintenance roads and required forestry mitigation around the turbines. Shasta County has a track record for voting down efforts to better our communities with infrastructure projects like this one. Not only will this benefit our communities by lowering energy costs, but it will also help strengthen our states critical infrastructure and power grid. There are only a handful of locations that can produce the winds needed to power these wind turbines. I feel that Shasta County will try anything they can to go against the grain of what the state of CA recommends because of personal political reasons and notoriety. Does Shasta County really have their constituents' best interests in mind when they spend \$100,000 of their money on advertising against this project? I do not believe so. Please consider moving forward with approving this project so that we can help strengthen California's strained power grid.