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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

## **Fountain Wind Undermines State's Just Transition Imperative; Docket Number 23-OPT-01**

*Thank you for the opportunity to speak. And thank you for hosting a California Energy Commission meeting in our **rural region** of the state.*

*My name is Rachel Hatch, and as a citizen of Shasta County, I am here to voice opposition to the Fountain Wind project. **This project is at cross-purposes with the Just Transition that we need to a carbon neutral future.***

*Transitions are fraught.*

*We all know this, and this is the very task at hand for Commissioners to consider here and in every parallel meeting room you've been in across the state.*

*From Kern County to the Salton Sea to Shasta County—you are all well-aware of the benefits & tradeoffs.*

*As a citizen of this place, I believe the voices of cultural caretakers—especially the Pit River Nation—who have a profound & long-standing connection with the project site—should be taken into perspective. You've already heard their voices today. **Please hear them.***

*For this reason, I oppose the project, and ask that the California Energy Commission take this into consideration in their decision.*

*CNRA has just recently launched your Tribal-Based Nature Solutions Grant program; you are taking strides to embody the “just” part of “Just Transition.” The CEC must act as thoughtful stewards of this moment; and not work at cross-purposes to this imperative.*

*This imperative to consider the Just part of Just transition—is not new (<https://www.redding.com/story/opinion/2022/09/29/building-economic-resilience-our-north-state-communities/8065553001/>).*

*Please don't disregard how a particular energy project such as Fountain Wind can further harm the Indigenous peoples of this place. A **Just** Transition acknowledges the intergenerational trauma and genocide that has happened here. It's important to uplift the Pit River Nation's comments in Docket #252625 (10/18/23), their request in Docket #253180 (11/17/23) as well as the actions of their Council earlier this year and in previous years when this project has undergone local consideration and been universally denied.*

*Lastly, in the field of philanthropy, the next ten years will see a shift toward “reparative capital.” This is a move toward utilizing philanthropic resources (and other forms of wealth) with the intent of healing--not further harm. When the CEC engages with philanthropy across the state going forward, it is my hope the Commissioners and CNRA staff will take the opportunity to rethink how high of a bar to set for Community Benefits Agreements—both the genuine hard-earned trust, and organizational infrastructure—that needs to be in place in order to support them. This is important with regard to question #5 that the CEC has posed.*

*Please reject the Fountain Wind project today.*

*Sincerely,  
Rachel Hatch*