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Opposition to the Fountain Wind Project

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Subject: My Testimony given at the Joint Environmental Scoping and Informational Meeting for the Fountain Wind Project.

Good Evening,

My Name is Patrick Wallner

I am a 56-year resident of Shasta County, and Gubernatorial Appointee of three Governors over the past 22 years.

More recently, I served as the president of the California Counties Planning Commissioners Association.

I also served over 10 years on the Shasta County Planning Commission until my primary residence was redistricted in December 2022.

On June 22, 2021, I was the chair of the Shasta County Planning Commission for the Fountain Wind Project FEIR & Conditional Use Permit, I have read thousands and thousands and thousands of pages of CEQA, public submitted documents and took testimony from hundreds of people opposed to and/or in-favor of the FWP over the previous three years.

I was also the chairman of the Planning Commission when we directed staff to draw up an ordinance banning large wind projects in our county for many reasons including the vast majority of our county being forest and designated as a High Fire Danger and/or Extremely High Fire Danger area.

Most importantly, Tribal Cultural Resources will suffer irreparable harm with this project. AB 52 was the States answer to enhanced consultation and coordination with Native Americans, Does AB205 override AB52?

My opinion has not changed and for all the right reasons, I ask you to deny this project as it will cause irreparable harm to our County.

I am also a private pilot and small aircraft owner since 1998 and those towers scare the heck out of me. The wake vortices alone will make me reconsider flying anywhere near those towers. BTW, many rural airports in the eastern part of Shasta, Modoc and Lassen Counties are along the flight corridor that passes directly over those towers and

is a natural area that is a "lower altitude" pass over the Montgomery Creek/Hatchet Ridge area.

Thank you and safe travels home to everyone.

Respectfully,

Patrick J. Wallner