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The Fountain Wind Project

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Subject: Opposition to the Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County

Dear Mr. Payne and members of the California Energy Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County, California. As a concerned resident of California, I believe that this project poses significant environmental, social, and economic risks that must be carefully considered and addressed.

I am a retired CAL Fire Captain. After retirement, I have worked the last 17 years at the Redding Air Tanker base which provides fire retardant. I can imagine the utter devastation that will occur when our local fixed wing air tankers would not be able to respond to a fire in the proposed area. The obstacles that the wind turbines create and the challenge of flying through smoke to make a drop could be treacherous. Also at risk are the firefighters on the ground who depend on the fire retardant to slow the spread so that they can get in and lay hose lines to put out the fire. By approving this proposal, I believe Shasta County would be liable for the loss of community and life due to a fire. We live in a beautiful area that will be threatened by this project.

I urge the California Energy Commission to conduct a thorough and transparent review of the Fountain Wind Project, considering the potential consequences it may have on the community and environment. It is essential that all relevant stakeholders, including local residents, are given the opportunity to voice their concerns and have their input taken into account during the decision-making process, especially considering that Shasta County has twice rejected this project already.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the California Energy Commission will carefully evaluate the concerns and objections of the residents of Shasta County before making any decisions regarding the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,

Bill Bobich