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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission
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Re: Fountain Wind Project (23-OPT-01) Environmental Scoping and Informational Meeting

Dear Mr. Payne,

Please accept this letter as a wholehearted endorsement of the Fountain Wind Project proposed in Shasta County. This project provides another source of renewable energy that complements solar energy generated during daylight hours, primarily in summer months and to a degree during the spring and fall. In addition to the renewable energy generated, there are other significant benefits for our County that directly and indirectly benefit our residents and businesses.

The project will provide a significant infusion of direct sales tax generated by the material sales of a 3.5 million project over a three-year construction period. In addition, over the minimum 30-year life of the project, additional sales taxes from maintenance materials and equipment will be realized.

The project will provide a significant amount of property tax over the life of the project. It is my understanding that this project would be the number one property tax generator in the County. This revenue could be used to help improve county roads, contribute to law enforcement needs, and provide additional firefighting capabilities.

The project will provide over 200 jobs during the initial construction phase. In addition, there will be about 10 high-paying jobs. These jobs will result in additional indirect jobs created by ongoing project maintenance and the retail services the project and the employees will need.

I am very familiar with the environmental issues associated with the project and am confident that project conditions and mitigation measures will address the concerns that residents in the local area have expressed. I am providing support as a resident and business owner in Shasta County for more than 20 years.

On behalf of my family, employees, and me, please approve the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,



Marcus Partin