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California Energy Commission
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Fountain Wind Project Support

Dear California Energy Commission Members

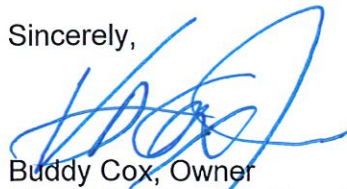
I am writing to support the Fountain Wind Project and the benefits it will bring to Shasta County. My family has a long history in the County as residents and business owners. We have lived here for more than 57 years, and my wife, Darlene, and I raised three daughters here. My father and uncle founded Cox & Cox Construction, an underground utility contractor and general engineering company serving northern California and Nevada since 1980. I took over the business in 2007, and my wife is also a hard-working local business owner. Shasta County is our home, and we want it to flourish.

As a businessman, I see the Fountain Wind Project as a great job opportunity, and I would appreciate the chance to bid for construction work when the project is approved. The 200-plus construction jobs the project will create are the types of jobs my 50 employees rely on to earn a good living wage. On top of job creation, large-scale construction creates a ripple effect on our local economy by increasing sales of local materials, equipment rentals, hotel and restaurant use, and other similar local service and retail businesses. I have witnessed this firsthand on the many projects I've worked on in the County over the years.

Besides being a businessman, I'm an avid outdoorsman. I invite friends and business associates from outside the area to come visit and share fishing on Lake Shasta and our countless creeks and streams or hunting in Eastern Shasta County. I don't see the Fountain Wind Project as something that will compromise the natural beauty and resources of the region and prevent me from continuing to recreate in the area. Instead, I see it as a testament to the economic and social growth of our community.

I look forward to showing my friends and associates the wind turbines and discussing how the project represents an important step towards an improved way of life. Approval of the Fountain Wind project supports local businesses and economic and social progress without damaging our natural resources. Therefore, on behalf of my family, our employees, and their families, I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission approve the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,



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