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Support for Fountain Wind Project Opt-in Application for Certification

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Re: **Support** for Fountain Wind Project Opt-in Application for Certification

- I am writing to express my support for the California Energy Commission's (CEC) approval of the Fountain Wind project.
- The Shasta County Planning Department **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL**.
- The project is located entirely on private timberlands
- Projects like Fountain Wind, create fire breaks via roads, allow access for services and land management and aid in fighting fires.
- Its adjacent to an existing wind project in a known wind resource area.
- The additional turbines proposed present no new issues and will provide enough power when operational to serve more than 80,000 homes.
- The State is woefully behind its development goals to reach its clean energy targets. It needs to approve and build more than 6,000 MWs of projects each and every single year, for the next 20 years! This is a fantastic project needed to support the State's aggressive renewable goal.
- The CEC process was developed to stop this very type of NIMBY opposition and approve well-sited and well-studied projects.
- Wind projects create dual uses for lands increasing County and State tax revenue.
- There is a trickle-down economic effect for the community and surrounding cities. Surrounding communities will benefit from the economic benefits of the project, with high paying jobs, and complimentary businesses that support the operation.
- This application should be a no-brainer for the CEC's approval. The Board of Supervisors denied the permit, after its own staff **recommended approval**. AB205 was developed specifically to take this very type of NIMBY opposition out of the equation and help the State meets its goals by approving well sited, well studied projects like Fountain Wind.

I strongly urge you to approve the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,

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Vice President