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SUPPORT FOUNTAIN WIND

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Support for Fountain Wind Project

- On behalf of my 17 employees and their families, I am writing to express my support for the California Energy Commission's (CEC) approval of the Fountain Wind project. We are part of over 143 MWs of wind projects in our area, and all of them are very happy they have these jobs, support a great industry and gain the financial resources to support their families.
- My father and I have been through our fair share of wars, permitting wind projects in Riverside County. Everyone wants clean power, and the SILENT **majority** support these projects. However, there is always the very loud minority who still want their renewable clean power, but to come from somewhere besides where they reside. Somehow it is magically meant to be created and power their homes! When you find these same types of very vocal NIMBY's in every location in California, where is this power meant to come from?
- The Shasta County Planning Department after careful review **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** and I urge the CEC to approve their recommendation.
- Its adjacent to an existing already approved and operating wind project in a known wind resource area. This is not something new, in an area that has never seen a wind turbine.
- The State needs nearly 150,000 MWs of new renewable projects. Unless we start APPROVING projects, the State will never meet its goals.
- The CEC process was developed to stop this very type of NIMBY opposition and approve well-sited and well-studied projects.

I strongly urge you to **approve** the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,

Brad Adams
President