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## **Letter In Support of Fountain Wind Project**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Sample Letter to CEC

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California Energy Commission  
Docket No. 23-OPT-01  
715 P Street  
Sacramento CA 95814

*Submitted via e-commenting portal.*

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 first project to apply to the CEC under its AB 205 Opt-In program for eligible renewable energy projects. The State's *2021 SB 100 Joint Agency Report* concludes that, to meet California's clean energy targets of 90% by 2030, 95% by 2040, and 100% by 2045, the State "will need to sustain its expansion of clean electricity generation capacity at a record-breaking rate for the next 25 years. However, we are already in 2024 and that means, on average, the state will need to build more than 7 GW of new solar, wind and battery storage resources annually over the next 21 years." Said differently, the report forecasts the need to build 148,000 MW of additional resources by 2045. If California is to have any chance of meeting the clean energy goals that it has set to address climate change and protect the environment and public health, the CEC must stand strong in the face of NIMBY opposition and approve Fountain Wind and other renewable energy projects that are supported by the conclusions of a comprehensive environmental review. This project will be the first of many other follow-on projects that will be required to meet the targets set by the state. The urgency for action and approvals for these projects is NOW!

Transforming California's fossil-fuel-based energy system will require the participation of every county in California. It is simply untenable for entire counties or regions to prohibit well-sited renewable energy projects, whether on or offshore, that will be required to meet the state's collective demand for energy. A resource portfolio that includes wind as well as solar and other resource types will significantly reduce total clean energy capacity requirements, lower overall land-use impacts and reduce supply chain and other risks – all of which will help California achieve its ambitious and laudatory clean energy goals.

I strongly urge you to approve the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,



Martin Walicki  
Managing Member  
Three Rivers Energy Development LLC