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## **Fountain Wind Support**

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To the State of California Energy Commission  
Fountain Wind Project  
Docket 23-OPT-01

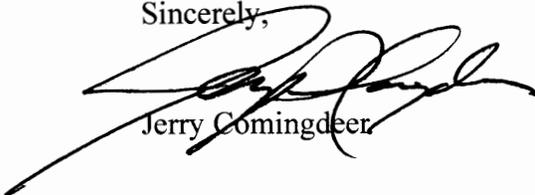
Commissioners

I am writing to you today to express my support for the Fountain Wind Project and to ask that you also support and approve this project. My family has lived in this area for over 57 years. About a year ago, I retired, and my wife and I sold our business, Crystal Creek Aggregate, Inc., to a local business. Even though I no longer own a local business, project approval represents an opportunity for not only the new owner but also other construction-related companies in our country. The project also provides much-needed sales and property tax revenues that will provide direct financial benefit to the County, which in turn benefits us as residents.

Another reason I support this project is the robust wildfire prevention benefits that would be implemented by ConnectGen. Having lived through the Carr Fire in 2018, I have firsthand knowledge of the danger and destruction that can accompany the wildfires that are so prevalent in our area. ConnectGen has taken great care to consult the experts, who agree that the project will be a tremendous wildfire protection resource to the county's Round Mountain and Montgomery Creek area, particularly with respect to fire breaks and clearances around the turbines.

ConnectGen has listened to our concerns and diligently followed through with area-specific mitigation measures. To say no to a project like this would be turning your back on many of the long-standing businesses that make up the backbone of Shasta County's economy. To say no to a company like ConnectGen would be depriving our county of not only the economic benefits the project will bring, but also the wildfire protection benefits the project will bring to the local area. ConnectGen has been responsive to concerns raised and has made significant efforts to demonstrate that it would be a good neighbor who does the right thing. Please do the right thing and approve the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely,



Jerry Comingdeer