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Fountain Wind Project Opposition Letter

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



April 16, 2024

Mr. Leonidas Payne, Project Manager Leonidas.Payne@energy.ca.gov

California Energy Commission Environmental Office, 715 P Street, MS-15 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Opposition to the Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County

Dear Mr. Payne and members of the California Energy Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Fountain Wind Project in Shasta County, California. As a concerned resident of California, I believe that this project poses significant environmental, social, and economic risks that must be carefully considered and addressed.

The City of Anderson supports the local decision-making process and feels this decision should be final. Through the local process, the County analyzed issues including environmental impacts, elevated fire risk in a high fire severity zone, cultural impacts, and compliance with local regulations. It is not the place of the State of California and California Energy Commission to bypass local decisions for projects that are to be decided through the process required by law at a local level.

I urge the California Energy Commission to conduct a thorough and transparent review of the Fountain Wind Project, considering the potential consequences it may have on the community and environment. It is essential that all relevant stakeholders, including local residents, are given the opportunity to voice their concerns and have their input taken into account during the decision-making process, especially considering that Shasta County has twice rejected this project already.

Phone: (530) 378-6646 Fax: (530) 378-6648 Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the California Energy Commission will carefully evaluate the concerns and objections of the residents of Shasta County before making any decisions regarding the Fountain Wind Project.

Sincerely

Stan Neutze,

Mayor City of Anderson

Cc: Shasta County Board of Supervisors

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