

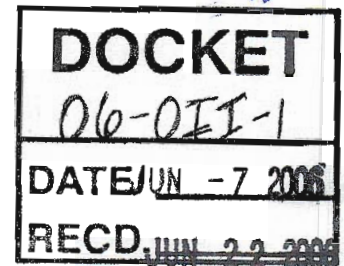


DON MABEN
SUPERVISOR
SECOND DISTRICT



June 7, 2006

Bob Therkelsen, Executive Director
Energy Commission
1516-9th St. MS:29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512



Dear Mr. Therkelsen:

Kern County is home for a substantial number of wind turbines, which are an integral part of the economy in the eastern portion of the county. It has been brought to my attention that you are conducting a proceeding to develop Statewide Avian/Wind Monitoring Protocols and Mitigation Guidelines.

I am requesting that your commission take a long and serious look at the scientific information that is currently available pertaining to birds and bats being killed or injured by wind turbines. To date, I have not seen any significant evidence presented to support claims that this is a problem in Kern County, in fact I have read and heard testimony to the contrary at a number of hearings on siting and constructing turbines.

One-size fits all ruling would be inappropriate for a state that is large and diverse as ours is and would be a disservice to both the industry and the communities they serve.

Thank your for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Maben".

Don Maben
Second District Supervisor
Kern County Board of Supervisors