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Dear Humboldt Planning Department,

After reviewing the DEIR for the Humboldt Wind Project, I have a couple comments about the document.

3.2 Aesthetics

Nighttime light fixtures for the wind turbine will have a significant impact on the viewshed of neighbors and other scenic points. Seeing red lights along the ridge will reduce the night time aesthetics of the natural wilderness and night sky. Photographic documentation of where the lights will be located would be helpful in seeing just how much of an impact the lights will cause. Also, because it has a significant impact, CEQA requires mitigation efforts to be made. As currently stated, there are no mitigation efforts in the DEIR.

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3.5 Biological Resources

There is no mention of how many old-growth redwood trees or the acreage of old-growth redwood stands are located in the project site. This is a particular concern because of the sensitive nature of old-growth forests compared to second-growth forests. Other projects such as the Caltrans 101 expansion through Richardson Grove have been stopped due to its lack of old-growth information and potential misinformation.

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Thank You,

Sean Stewart