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Subject: Terra-Gen Wind Project in Humboldt County

Dear Humboldt County Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors:

On the evening of May 28, 2019, my wife and I attended a presentation in Ferndale by Terra-Gen Corporation regarding their proposed wind turbine project on Bear and Monument Ridges near Scotia.

From the information presented it seemed that very little benefit would come to Humboldt County as a result of this huge project. There would be some financial benefit from temporary construction jobs (although it was noted that many of the construction workers would be provided by companies outside the area). There would also be some 15 permanent positions but again, likely, filled by workers from outside the area and, in addition, some sales tax revenue.

It seems Terra-Gen would be the recipient of rather sizable tax breaks from this project and of course profits from continued sale of power generated by the turbines. This power would not necessarily go to Humboldt County customers and no reduction in power bills would take place. It seems Humboldt County would be sacrificing a lot with destruction to forest lands, scenic beauty, and wildlife, particularly endangered birds like the Marbled murrelet and birds of prey that use the ridge tops to catch thermal updrafts for flying.

They estimated that the cost of the project would be around \$200 million. This amount could pay for installation of solar panels on a large portion of private residences in Humboldt County.

We installed 12 solar panels on our remodeled home in foggy Trinidad in 2005. In the nearly 10 years that we lived in that house we never paid PG&E more than \$20.00 for the entire year for power that we used but did not generate with our solar panels.

Solar installations on private homes do not require lengthy and complicated environmental permits, no road construction, no expensive and unsightly transmission lines that lose about 13% getting power to the sub-station, no huge 600 feet tall unsightly wind turbines with flashing red lights at night that generate noise, kill birds, create fire hazards and reduce nearby property values.

Tourists come to Humboldt County to see big tall trees not big tall wind turbines. Please vote to reject this project. There has to be a better way!

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