

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a 1-year Ferndale resident who went to the Terra-Gen presentation to see what all the fuss around town was concerning wind turbines.

I found the presentation to be polished. The presenters were young, attractive and well spoken. Pretty much standard fare for a presentation where the company wants to make a good impression, at least in that's how it's done in the bay area where I am from.

The presentation was fine except for 3 large problems:

1. It said a lot but there was no data. Almost all of the studies were "in process"; rather unusual since the company is starting this project soon. I am a scientist and know that without data, anything said is questionable since there is no data to back it up. So, there either is no data n the many issues they brought up in their presentation, highly unlikely as I stated above, or they don't want us to know what the data is—a far more likely scenario since the majority of their studies should and probably have been completed long ago. No company is going to embark on a 200-million-dollar project without data—and lots of it. This raises a large red flag for me. They have the data—why aren't they sharing it with us? What are they hiding?
2. During the presentation, when the first wind turbine slide came up, the person next to me said" that's not the simulated view of the Tera-Gen wind turbines—that's an old slide from the Shell presentation". So obviously, the Terra-Gen wind turbines will be more noticeable than Shells and the best way they found to minimize pictorially the wind turbine impact was to use a picture of a different company's wind turbines. With Terra-Gen's resources, they would have used their own pictures with their own wind turbines if they could have found a way to make them as acceptable as the one from Shell. Of course, the locals knew where the pictures came from. Several people mentioned it to me afterwards.
3. Also, Terra-Gen told us more than once that they hadn't decided whether they would be using the shorter or taller wind turbines. However, the Ferndale paper today states they will be using the taller wind turbines. Of course, they didn't want us to know—a taller wind turbine is much more visible. So, the presentation was not to inform us, but to try to calm us down with questionable, if not false, information. It didn't work, and in over an hour of question and answer, there was only 1 non-negative question.

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I have learned some things about the residents of Ferndale. Many of them are not electronically sophisticated—you will probably not get a lot of e-mails from them. But they are more politically astute than people anywhere else I've lived. Many of them remember politicians from decades back. And if any injury has been done, they remember all of the politicians involved. And they vote.

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You probably know this. But I'm reminding you because the most upsetting thing we found out about this project is that we get nothing positive from it. We have our beautiful views ruined but we do not get the electricity from these unsightly wind turbines. We give up our views and get nothing in return. I brought this fact up several times at the meeting just to make sure Terra-Gen verified it was true.

The residents of Ferndale know the elected officials involved in passing or rejecting the wind farms and they will vote accordingly for each one of you, in every election for years to come.

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