

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the draft environmental impact report, attended the town hall in Ferndale on May 28th and done some research on the environmental impact regarding the proposed wind farm. Several points stand out to me.

The town hall made clear that TerraGen and its parent companies interests are defined by maximum return on investment. When TerraGen says it's the best spot in Northern California what they're really saying is "cheapest for us to build with maximum return".

TerraGen is unconcerned with social issues – in fact, when asked directly about "Why here?" they replied that it was a "social issue" and I should take it up with Humboldt County. On that score my belief is that the visual impact is being far understated and that when inconvenient questions arise, such as the impact on all bird species not just the marquis ones, the boilerplate answer is, "we're still investigating that".

The images presented to try to convince us of the minor visual impact are ludicrous. Monument ridge is 2000' high, and the turbine almost 600'. To look at the presented image the turbine would be about 50' above the horizon which it most certainly will not be.

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TerraGen also tries to eat out of both sides of the trough – while trying to convince us that we shouldn't care about where electricity is generated ("there's no difference between one electron and another") they simultaneously insist this is the one and only spot to generate electricity used by Humboldt County.

While trying to convince us that this project will have some impact on climate change they simultaneously admit this will provide .33 percent (.0033) of the energy needs of California. To permanently impact an irreplaceable resource for that minor dent seems irresponsible.

I am not against wind power but I remain unconvinced that in the whole of California there is no better place to put wind turbines, remembering that we shouldn't care about WHERE it gets generated.

It also seems that no other alternative sources, such as rooftop solar or, for that matter, large scale solar are being considered, wave energy , or biomass if we are truly concerned about climate change as we should be.

Let's NOT do this.

Sincerely,
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