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Dear Planning Department

I am a resident of Humboldt County and have been for close to thirty years. Presently I live in Weott with my wife and have no future plans to leave. I've been following the Issue of the proposed wind farm along the Bear River ridge. I am a proponent of wind and solar energy and currently my house has solar electric generation. I have observed other wind farm applications here in California and abroad in Europe. My opinion with this project is based on my current knowledge of the systems I have mentioned. I applaud the county for taking the first steps in addressing our future power needs along with the concerns for environmental security. I am not a biologist nor am I an expert in the sciences required to formulate an acceptable plan for all sides concerned. All I know is that we have had extensive research on the result of accidental spills of offshore and transportation of oil-based resources. Nuclear energy also has its issues. Wind and Solar energy generation is still growing and the data, I believe, of safe and efficient operation is still ongoing. Personally, I haven't seen nor read any published information concerning the loss of aviary populations within the wind generating farms that I know. One would think that this is a legitimate concern that should be monitored and reported on such occurrences. No doubt they do occur but at what amount and frequency? And do they come to the level of loss due to petroleum spills upon the Earth's shores? According to industry practice, there is mitigating procedures to limit these losses. Do we accept these answers form the industry? Are there reliable agencies (CAL-EPA) that can substantiate these findings?

We are facing Climate Change that will impact our county before to long. Sea level rise alone will be one significant challenge for Humboldt County resources soon. Let's not waste too much time nor ignore a solution that will have a direct impact on our community. The concerns of unimpeachable observance for the safety of our aviary population can be done by placing cameras on some of the wind turbines to record any strikes in the area that may occur. These can be directly monitored by CALEPA and appropriate response to these and any other hazard can be accomplished. Although, I have observed many raptor and other species of bird's weave in and out of our Redwoods faster and with more accuracy than any Jedi Knight on a Speeder Bike ever could, lets give them an edge along with letting those turbine wings fly.

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