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TO HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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COMMENT RE DRAFT EIR: HUMBOLDT WIND ENERGY PROJECT

I oppose the project. It will inflict significant unavoidable impacts not only on the natural and physical environment, but on the spiritual and social environment of the Humboldt Bay Region.

The scale of the project will overwhelm not only the visual landscape but the infrastructure that is supposed to deliver it.

Once delivered and built, it will not only alter views for which the area is treasured, it will deeply affect the lives of those least able to resist it.

Native bird species and wild and plant life will suffer, and so will the Native people whose lives are interwoven with those coastal and inland ridges.

A recent Humboldt Bay Symposium identified many traditional Wiyot plants threatened by tidal inundation, making them more than ever dependent on gathering in this project area.

The planned reintroduction of the condor by the Wiyot, and the restoration of culture, history, and spirit it represents, is in direct conflict with the global scale and ambition of this wind and money farm.

After driving Native people onto the wind-swept bluffs and ridges and least desirable real estate, the project would now add an insult to old injuries that are still not healed. It is an example of environmental injustice and a violation of human rights.

We can do better than this. We can provide our energy needs with the same innovative spirit that now powers many solar homes. We can do it on a Humboldt County scale, with a Humboldt County resourcefulness, and with a recognition of our irreplaceable natural and cultural treasures.

Sincerely, Jerry Martien

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