

I am a Humboldt county native raised here and am now raising my children here. I love our little rural county and its beauty which can be seen in any direction that you look. I give this information as a lifetime resident in full support of the proposed wind project for Humboldt County. When I was a young child, we would travel south on 101 from our home in Fortuna to the Holmes Redcrest area in the summer to our small hay ranch. I have fond memories of looking out the window at the trees and mountains as we traveled south. I think about what that might look like with wind turbines stretched across Monument and Bear River ridges.

I have traveled to Sacramento, Washington DC, Southern California, Mexico etc.... for tours and meetings that have to do with resource policy and legislation. The bulk of these conversations that I have had with various individuals are in concern of our resources and what roll we play in protecting them while they provide for our families, rural communities and future overall.

I am continually informed that outdated environmentally unfriendly infrastructure such as four Klamath dams and the Potter Valley project are being set for decommission or removal. The Klamath dam removal alone would delete 163 MW out of the system. This proposed Humboldt County wind project at 155MW could replace those decommissioned hydroelectric projects. To my knowledge none of the above mentioned hydroelectric projects have any kind of replacement infrastructure mitigated for the power grid loss.

There are 300 jobs that would be created here for 14 months while this wind project is being built and the 15 permanent jobs for families that will be created post project. I receive calls every day from people that desperately need a job. This county isn't as flush with the currency as it once was and there is some fallout as far as cash flow for families locally. This will help.

This project has the potential to diversify industry and our energy resources here in Humboldt which will strengthen the overall structure of our community. It will generate a large amount of tax revenue from property to sales tax as well and help us recuperate from the large sales tax hit we have experienced.

I was at a meeting last week concerning the mandated climate action plan that the county and cities have to come up with and submit back to the state that is requiring a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. This wind project would tie in nicely with the CAP in satisfying this mandate.

This project would allow us to be energy dependent through Redwood Coast Energy Authority or a like entity and have the very people working on our energy grid living and thriving in our own community. The fact is that the world's population will double in my lifetime and if we don't except buildout of infrastructure there will not be enough energy, food and resources for future generations. I am in full support of this project and encourage you to take the future of our county, kids and their kids in mind and support this essential opportunity.

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