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Wind energy project planner,

I am disturbed to hear about Terra Gen's wind energy project. I have been an advocate for the environment and green builder for decades. I am concerned about the development of timber and other wild lands involved in this project forever changing the wildlife and landscape of Humboldt county. The widening of Jordan road and opening up of new areas with miles of new roads smells of later development by and will cause massive sedimentation to our waterways. The swath of land cleared for transmission lines to interconnect the project to the PG&E Bridgeville substation is especially destructive to the wildlife and an eyesore for our tourist industry as well as a fire hazard with 115 Kv running through forested land. Terra Gen representative told me the windmills will be built next Luna, Julia Butterfly's tree which I am opposed. The idea of marring our pristine vistas through the Eel River valley with 60 rotating

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propellers as tall as the San Francisco Bay Bridge slicing up any birds in their path and polluting our night sky with 60 blinking red strobe lights is the start of a permanent circus show for the heart of our community. I remember when a store in Hopland called Real Goods opened 18 or so years ago installing three windmills. Everyone was horrified at all the birds dropping to the ground as we stood there either dead or severely injured bleeding un able to fly, some with broken wings laying there to die. Realizing the boondoggle of their windmills, they removed them. My question: will the injured birds struck by the propellers be taken to the veterinarian wildlife center to be helped or will they just lay there and suffer until dead?

I have nearly eliminated the need for fossil fuel on my small ranch in southern Humboldt using solar and micro hydro. I chose not to use wind because it kills birds and would not provide much of my energy needs reliably. Rooftop solar is the least invasive to the environment of Humboldt. It can provide power even on a cloudy day, yes even in Eureka despite what pro windmill advocates and Terra Gen spokespersons say. The installation will directly lower a households electric bill. Little change in grid infrastructure would be needed. Solar has very little maintenance as compared to windmills; no noise, no bird kills, no eyesore and low energy bills.

In foggy San Francisco, the county started a solar roof program providing homeowner financing for rooftop solar. The financing was secured by the home lowering electric bills to nearly zero. Creating a program like San Francisco's would create a huge economic stimulus to Humboldt county and sorely needed local jobs for our solar installers with less impact to our environment than this wind project.

Terra Gen is an out of town company here to exploit our natural resources and take the profits and benefits out of the county lowering property values destroying endangered species and their habitat and providing very few jobs to our community. Please reject this project.

Mark Hilovsky



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