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Thanks,



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I am pro wind energy and was initially in favor of this project. Our county definitely needs local green energy generation sources. Global climate change has created an intense urgency to this matter.

However, after reviewing environmental impact information, I believe that the site for the Humboldt Wind Energy Project is inappropriate for many reasons. I am especially concerned about potential PG&E transmission line fire risks, particularly in light of the recent fire caused by PG&E transmission lines near Paradise, California (2018 Camp Fire). Another disturbing risk to the environment is the directional drilling under the Eel River for this same transmission line and associated potential for “frack out” with drilling slurry polluting the river with contaminated legacy pollutants such as penta, dioxin, and fuerons. Another major concern is the significant turbine collision risk to California Condors, soon to be reintroduced to our area. These birds were rescued from the brink of extinction and need our protection. Lastly, the negative impacts on sacred tribal land for the Wiyot Tribe have not been sufficiently addressed nor mitigated. Lastly the sheer size of the towers supporting the wind generators pose a potential earthquake risk here in our earthquake prone county. For example, if we had a repeat of the April 25, 1992 triple quake, the ones that caused the Scotia shopping center to burn to the ground, the damage from falling towers is consequential to say the least. The current plan appears to have been fast-tracked without sufficient environmental review and significant risk mitigation requirements.

Please request that this project be relocated to a less sensitive area. We have a responsibility to protect inhabitants, human and wildlife, from further harm. Another option would be to require a major revision to this plan requiring significant changes to address fire hazard, frack out risks, bird safety mitigation, and earthquake risks.

Respectfully,

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