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# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

**Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex  
P.O. Box 576, 1020 Ranch Road  
Loleta, California 95551**



Humboldt Wind Project Planner  
County of Humboldt  
Planning and Building Department  
Planning Division  
3015 H Street  
Eureka, CA 955501

Re: Comments on DEIR, Humboldt Wind LLC, Humboldt Wind Energy Project

Dear Humboldt Wind Project Planner,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) owns and manages land which may be affected by the proposed project. It was brought to our attention in January 2019 that the proposed route to transport components of the project would require encroachment onto Refuge lands near the Highway 101 and Hookton Road interchange.

Our previous communications with LACO Associates provided a brief narrative and depiction of the area proposed for impact but lacked the detail required for us to determine effects. Our request for additional information from LACO on February 19, 2019, has gone unanswered. Encroachment onto the Refuge will require negotiation of the location and extent of impacts as well as timing. The proposed impact area is associated with the main Refuge access road utilized by both staff and visitors and any impacts must be mitigated. Additionally, we will require issuance of a Special Use Permit after we come to agreement on the details of your proposal.

We request more specific information as it pertains to impacts to Refuge property, as previously requested, and a site visit with the appropriate project proponents. If you have any questions or to set up a meeting date please contact me at 707-733-5406 or [kurt\\_roblek@fws.gov](mailto:kurt_roblek@fws.gov).

Sincerely,

Kurt Roblek  
Acting Refuge Manager

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