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Dear Project Planner,

Dear Planning Director Ford,

I strongly support sustainable power generation programs, such as the proposed Humbolt Wind, LLC project, but I am very concerned about this proposal.

While climate change is a serious threat to Humboldt County, poorly sited and developed wind projects can cause drastic, adverse environmental impacts. As the DEIR makes clear, this project is likely to result in the needless death of numerous special-status species, such as the marbled murrelet, and may cause population-level impacts to once-numerous species, like the hoary bat. These certainly unintended consequences can, and must be prevented.

The DEIR currently fails to take adequate measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for these significant impacts, but this can easily be remedied. The DEIR must be revised to incorporate reasonable mitigation measures that are available now and readily implementable to greatly reduce adverse impacts to well below a level of significance.

These measures include, among other things, proper siting of wind turbines to avoid bird and bat impacts, operational curtailments during high-risk periods, and the incorporation of deterrence technologies. These project changes are reasonable, having been adopted at other wind projects elsewhere in California and the United States, and would greatly reduce adverse wildlife impacts.

Furthermore, the County will most certainly be the site for many similar projects in the future. The County therefore needs to insist on the adoption and implementation of a robust and meaningful adaptive regulatory management program that this and future wind generators will follow. This program should be actively regulated and overseen by County authorities to monitor and minimize impacts throughout the life of each project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important matter, and your kind consideration of my suggestions.

Sincerely,

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