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Ian Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Proposed Tule Wind Energy Project

Dear BLM and California PUC:

This is a letter of support for the Tule Wind Project. In particular, I am urging certification of the EIR/EIS for the project as originally proposed, without reduction in size.

We own property that is south of and adjacent to the Tule project. The proposed project, includes 12 turbines that will be located on the northerly portions of our property and is located within some of the best wind resources in California as well as our community and our nation. Wind energy represents a major "green" resource and is currently a priority for reducing carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels. As it seems is true with everything, there is a balance here between the positive impact of wind energy on jobs, the local and national economy, and the global environment from displacement of fossil fuel, and the least adverse impact on the local environment where the project is proposed.

In my belief, the balance of interests tips strongly in favor of building the entire project, as proposed. I understand that whenever interests must be balanced, there is a temptation to reduce the scope of the Tule project.

The local environmental impact is minor; mitigation can reduce impacts even further; and the public interest in favor of the project is very strong. Moreover, there are so few good wind sites, which will occupy such a small fraction of the U.S., restricting development further, will end up pushing green energy south of the border, where we will pay the higher prices, but receive none of the benefits or jobs and tax base here.

We believe there should be a strong bias in favor of developing all of our commercially-feasible wind resources, recognizing the relatively minor environmental impact of wind turbines and the tiny fraction of less than one percent of California that they could ever occupy.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hamann