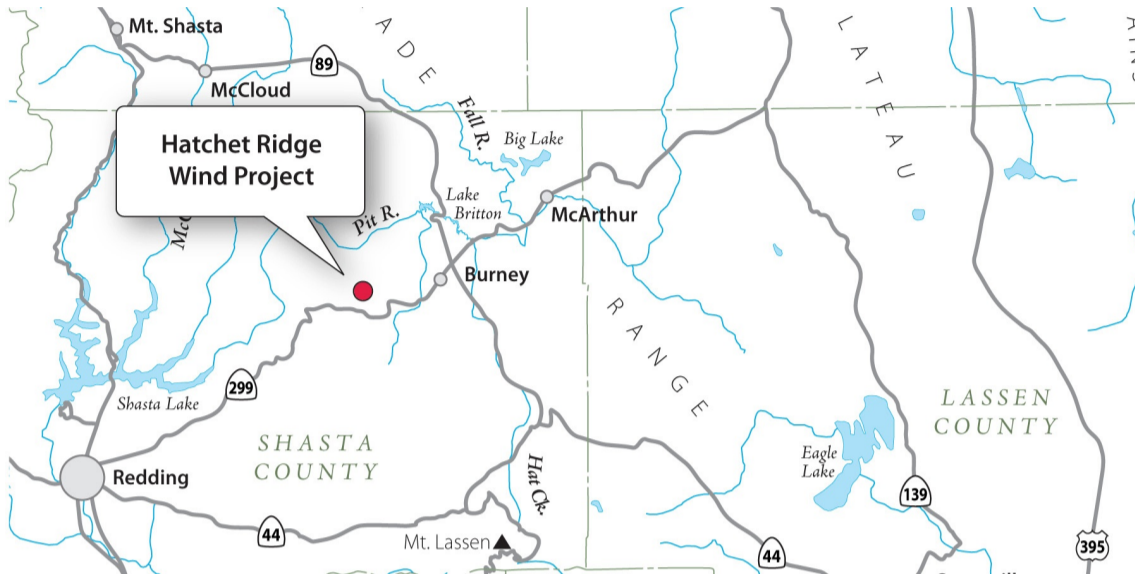


**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND TO APPROVE, CONDITIONALLY APPROVE, OR DENY A USE PERMIT
FOR THE PROPOSED HATCHET RIDGE WIND PROJECT**

This notice is being sent to property owners within or near the area shown on the attached map and to all applicable public agencies. **PROJECT TITLE:** Use Permit 06-016 - Hatchet Ridge Wind Project **APPLICANT:** Hatchet Ridge Wind LLC 700 SW Taylor Street, Suite 210, Portland, OR 97205 **PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site would cover a total of 73 acres scattered over 17 parcels totaling approximately 3,000 acres on Hatchet Mountain. The site is approximately seven miles due west of Burney, and 34 miles northeast of Redding, and immediately north of State Highway 299 at Hatchet Mountain Pass. The project site includes portions of the following Shasta County Assessor's Parcels: 027-120-004, 007 and 008; 030-010-008 and 009; 030-030-001, 003, 004, 005, 008, 010, 011, 015, 016 and 018; 030-080-012 and 016, which are found in Sections 1, 11, and 12 of Township 35 North, Range 1 East; and Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 28, Township 35 North, Range 2 East; all Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.



PROJECT SUMMARY: The applicant, Hatchet Ridge Wind, LLC, proposes to construct a wind energy project. The area actually covered by the project would be an approximately 73-acre portion of the 17 parcels. The project would produce approximately 100 megawatts of electricity and would require construction of 42 to 68 wind turbines on steel tubular towers from about 213 feet to 263 feet tall. The total height of each tower with its attached wind turbine could reach from about 338 feet to about 418 feet high. The line of towers would stretch for about 6.5 miles northeasterly along the ridge of Hatchet Mountain. The project would include transmission lines from the turbines to a new substation and additional lines to interconnect with existing high-voltage transmission lines that cross the project site and which are owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The project would also include a temporary construction office, an operations and maintenance building/control center, new access roads, temporary staging areas, and up to four permanent meteorological masts up to 220 feet high. The project would be constructed over a 6 to 12-month period. In general, the towers would be constructed in areas managed for commercial timber production which were replanted after the 1992 Fountain Fire.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) discussed the following potentially significant environmental impacts: land use aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems, along with the associated potential cumulative effects of the proposed project. The DEIR concluded that the project would have the following impacts:

- **Significant and Unavoidable Impacts:** Adverse effects on a scenic vista by degrading the visual character of the project area and its surroundings, potential direct mortality of greater sandhill cranes, potential direct mortality of bald eagles, potential direct mortality of special-status raptors and other avian species, and visual and auditory disruption of Pit River Tribe religious practices conducted on Hatchet Ridge caused by construction and operation of wind turbines.
- **Beneficial Impacts:** Cumulative effect on climate change, and reduction in reliance on nonrenewable resources as a source of energy production.

The Hatchet Ridge Wind project site is not located on a known hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal site, or any site listed under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (the Cortese List). Please note that public notice was given for the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report, which was from December 13, 2007 to January 28, 2008, after which the comment period on the Draft EIR was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Planning Commission of the County of Shasta, State of California, acting as the lead agency, will hold a public hearing to consider whether to certify the Environmental Impact Report and whether to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the Use Permit described in this notice. **The public hearing to consider the project will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2008, with the session beginning at 7:00 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as the business of the Commission will allow. The hearing will be held in the Liz Polley Performing Arts Center at Mountain View High School at 20375 Tamarack Avenue, Burney, CA 96013.

COMMENTS: Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments **regarding the merits of the proposed project** prior to the hearing, or to appear and present oral testimony. To insure consideration by the Commission, all written material concerning the merits of the proposed project should be submitted to the Planning Division as soon as possible and no later than three days prior to the hearing. All comments on the Draft EIR have been included in the Final EIR. All comments received since the comment period for the Draft EIR will also be presented to the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing.

CHALLENGES: Please note that if you challenge the action of the County, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS: Copies of the application, environmental documents, staff reports, and all reference documents associated with this project are available for review at the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001; Telephone (530) 225-5532, during normal business hours. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who may be interested in this information. (Publication Date: 06-27-08)