

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

July 24, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Mountain View High School

20375 Tamarack Avenue, Burney, California

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Conflict of Interest Declarations:

Open Time/Public Comment Period:

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters which are not noticed public hearings may do so under the "Open Time/Public Comment Period." Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (GCS 54950 et seq) Commission action or discussion cannot be taken on open time matters other than to receive the comments and, if deemed necessary, to refer the subject matter to the appropriate department for follow-up and/or to schedule the matter on a subsequent Commission agenda.

Presentation of Documents:

All items presented to the Planning Commission during a public hearing, including but not limited to letters, e-mails, petitions, photos, maps or other kinds of information shall become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the clerk of the commission. It is advised that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records.

Public Hearings: (The decision on any public hearing item may be appealed.) See "Notes" at the end of the agenda.

Key: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PUBLIC HEARING

R1: Use Permit 06-016 (Hatchet Ridge Wind): The applicant, Hatchet Ridge Wind, LLC, proposes to construct a wind energy project on 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 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 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. Staff Planner: Walker. District 3.

Adjournment

- NOTES -

1. The Planning Commission, at their discretion, may limit individual/group testimony time in the interest of facilitating the meeting to allow all persons who wish to comment the opportunity to do so.
2. Documents associated with the agenda are on file and available for review. Direct inquiries to: Department of Resource Management - Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001. Phone: (530) 225-5532.
3. Commission actions on use permits are final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors. Appeals are subject to fees and filing deadlines. Appeal period: use permits 5 calendar days. Forms and instructions for filing appeals are available from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
4. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Shasta County will make available to disabled members of the public disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order for the person to participate in the public meeting. The public should contact the Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, by telephone at (530) 225-5532 or in person or by mail at 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001 to request a modification or accommodation. Notification five (5) days prior to the meeting will enable the County to make arrangements to provide reasonable accommodations. If requested, this document and other agenda materials can be made available in an alternative format for persons with a disability who are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The agenda, project information (including the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports), and Planning Commission staff report can be found on the internet at www.co.shasta.ca.us. Click on "County Departments" then "Resource Management."