

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DENYING USE PERMIT 16-007 (FOUNTAIN WIND, LLC)**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of Shasta has considered Use Permit 16-007 (hereinafter the “Project”), filed by Fountain Wind, LLC for a renewable wind energy generation development consisting of the construction, operation, maintenance, and ultimately the decommissioning of up to 71 wind turbines and associated transformers together with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities in unincorporated Shasta County on approximately 4,464 acres of a 29,500-acre leasehold comprised of 76 Shasta County Assessor’s parcels operated as managed forest timberlands located approximately one mile west of the existing Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, 6 miles west of Burney, CA and 35 miles northeast of Redding, CA, in accordance with Section 17.92.020 of the Shasta County Ordinance Code, Title 17, Zoning; and

WHEREAS, said use permit was referred to various affected public and private agencies, County departments, and referral agencies for review and comments; and

WHEREAS, at the direction of the Shasta County Environmental Review Officer an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) examining the impacts of the Project has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the County of Shasta Planning Commission has received and reviewed the proposed use permit along with all draft, final, and supporting documents of the EIR, in addition to a report from the Planning Division; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing on the Final EIR and Project was held on June 22, 2021, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to comment which were considered in accordance with the modified procedures for the conduct of the Planning Commission resulting from the current COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with orders and recommendations of federal, state and local authorities and those comments were considered by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Planning Commission received testimony regarding the following detrimental impacts of the proposed project: impacts to aesthetics; potential increased fire danger; impediments to fire fighting efforts; damage to wildlife; damage to natural resources; and damage to cultural and tribal resources; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Planning Commission has considered public comments and a report from the Planning Division.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Planning Commission:

1. Makes the following use permit finding: The establishment, operation and maintenance of the subject use, under the circumstances of the particular case will be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the

neighborhood or will be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

2. Denies Use Permit 16-007.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2021, by the Shasta County Planning Commission by the following vote:

AYES: WALLNER, MACLEAN, CHAPIN, KERNS, WALGAMUTH

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:



PATRICK WALLNER, Chair
Planning Commission
County of Shasta, State of California

ATTEST:



PAUL A. HELLMAN, Secretary
Planning Commission
County of Shasta, State of California