

**SHASTA COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

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**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

Date: December 9, 2021  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Shasta County Administration Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners**

**Present:** Patrick Wallner District 5  
Jim Chapin District 1  
Steven Kerns District 3  
Donn Walgamuth District 4

**Commissioners**

**Absent:** Tim MacLean District 2

**Staff Present:**

Paul Hellman, Director of Resource Management  
Adam Fieseler, Planning Division Manager  
Adam Pressman, Senior Deputy County Counsel  
Lio Salazar, Senior Planner  
Jimmy Zanolli, Shasta County Fire Marshal  
Tracie Huff, Administrative Secretary I/Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME:** None.

**PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Director Paul Hellman informed the Commission that Chair Wallner has scheduled a special meeting to consider the Tierra Robles Planned Development project on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers. He also informed the Commission that the Final EIR for this project is posted online on the Planning Division’s website, that hard copies are available for review at local libraries and at the Department of Resource Management, and that the document is available in electronic format upon request. Mr. Hellman thanked the Commission for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

**REGULAR CALENDAR:**

**R1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

By motion made, seconded (Chapin/Kerns) and carried unanimously, the Planning Commission approved the Minutes of November 10, 2021, as submitted.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:** None.

**Ex-parte Communications Disclosures:** Commissioner Kerns stated that an attorney assisted him with the preparation of his proposed alternative resolution following his consultation with County Counsel.

**R2: Potential Zoning and General Plan Changes and Moratorium Concerning Large Wind Energy Systems:**

On November 10, 2021, by a 4-0 vote the Planning Commission directed staff to place the presentation of a report regarding options for regulating wind turbine developments and consideration of a resolution proposed by Commissioner Kerns recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a moratorium on wind turbine developments pending further study and potential changes to the County Zoning Plan and General Plan. Subsequent to the issuance of a memorandum from County Counsel regarding whether the County may legally impose a moratorium on the development of large wind energy systems, Commissioner Kerns proposed an alternative resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors take specific actions with respect to wind turbine developments, including initiating the process to amend the County Zoning Plan and General Plan. Staff Planner: Paul A. Hellman.

Paul Hellman and Adam Fieseler presented the staff report. Commissioner Kerns discussed maps depicting very high fire hazard severity zones, wind farm study areas, and recent major wildfires. Steve Johnson, Tony Ankis, Beth Messick-Lattin, and Gary Cadd spoke in favor of restricting or prohibiting the development of large wind energy systems. Paul Hellman answered questions from the Commission regarding the various actions the Commission make take.

By motion made and seconded (Chapin/Kerns), and carried by a 4-0 vote, the Planning Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution of intention to initiate an amendment to the County Zoning Plan prohibiting the development of large wind energy systems in the unincorporated area of Shasta County.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Planning Commission adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

**Submitted by:**



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**Paul Hellman, Director of Resource Management  
Secretary of the Planning Commission**