

**Day, John**

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**From:** sunset@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 19, 2007 5:57 PM  
**To:** Day, John  
**Cc:** Drude, Kevin  
**Subject:** WTG;s

John, Cheryl and I have been pouring over this EIR for the WTG project in Lompoc. We feel we have some valid issues.

Aesthetic issues- not adequately addressed EIR compares Lompoc to Altamont Wind Energy Area near Thayer, (not a coastal area).

Since the existance of cultural resources is known a Phase 2 and Phase 3 historical resources report should be included in the EIR.

Since a portion of the WTG's are visible from Jalama Beach, the California Coastal Commission should provide a Consistency Determination.

Eventhough substantial numbers of protected birds and bats are at risk of dying through collisions with the WTG' and there is no proven method to prevent such collisions, the impact is considered significant and unavoidable ( class I) the mitigation measures are inadequate, ( pg 3.5- 53).

Noise impacts are not adequately mitigated.

Has a determination been made on the Williamson Act, as these Ranches will now be it appears with the extensive corridors ( commercial properties ).

We have been doing some home work. Again thanks again for the information.

Sincerely,

George and Cheryl Bedford



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Ruth Coleman, Director

October 5, 2007

Bethany Clough, Chair  
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Planning and Development Department  
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Re: 07BAR-00000-00156 Lompoc Wind Energy Project

Dear Ms. Clough:

California State Parks is committed to reducing the affects of climate change and supports the State's goals for developing renewable energy – including the development of wind energy alternatives where feasible and appropriately sited. With that in mind, we also recognize the importance of your role as our County's Central Board of Architectural Review (CBAR) for reviewing projects like the Lompoc Wind Energy Project and ensuring that if approved, this project meets all of the County's policies and standards for land use and compatibility.

As proposed, the Lompoc Wind Energy Project is the first of its kind for Santa Barbara County. For that reason alone, the impacts of your decision to recommend further conceptual review, grant exemptions to existing land use policies, impose exemption conditions or simply approve the project to move forward – will certainly have long reaching affects for this project and future projects of this kind.

With that said, the following is a list of concerns that we believe should be fully evaluated before the project is approved to move forward.

1. **Ridgeline and Hillside Development Guidelines** (Land Use and Development Code, Sec. 35.62.040.B). Exemptions to the Guidelines are provided for certain structures (Sec. 35.62.040.B.1) and for minor topographic variation (Sec. 35.62.040.B.3), however, these exemptions do not apply to wind turbines. CBAR may exempt certain projects from design review under the Guidelines (Sec. 35.62.040.B.2). In discussions with Planning and Development staff, it was mentioned that CBAR may recommend to the County Planning Commission that an exemption may be granted under Section 35.62.040.B.2b that reads;

**LUDC Section 35.62.040.B.2.b:** *In certain circumstances, allowing greater flexibility in the guidelines will better serve the interests of good design, without negatively affecting neighborhood compatibility or the surrounding viewshed.*

Questions: What is the criteria for evaluating how wind turbine generators (WTG'S) designed for world-wide installation that range from 315 to 492 feet in height qualify as "good design"? Also, what is the criteria for determining whether the siting of the WTG'S does or does not "negatively affect" neighborhood compatibility or the surrounding viewshed?

2. During a recent project site tour, a representative for the applicant informed us that the conceptual site maps included in the project DEIR that identified as many as five WGT'S visible from the historic corridor at La Purisima Mission State Historic Park were incorrectly sited by the project's consultant. The representative assured us that the incorrect WTG site maps would be corrected and included in the final EIR. How is it possible for you to assess whether the WTG'S planned for the ridgeline above Miguelito Canyon (visible from Jalama County Beach Park and La Purisima Mission SHP) will negatively affect the surrounding viewshed when the exact locations for WTG'S have yet to be determined? Would your decision to evaluate the impacts of proposed WTG'S be better informed if you knew exactly where each WTG is to be sited?

If CBAR considers granting the applicant an exemption to the County's Ridgeline and Hillside Development Guidelines, State Parks would encourage CBAR to consider granting the applicant a conditional exemption that restricts the siting of WTG'S within the historic viewshed of the La Purisima Mission SHP or within the cultural landscape of Jalama Beach County Park – two popular and highly valued public parks.

3. **Visual Resources.** If your Commission determines that this project is not fully exempt from the design review under the Guidelines, we support County staff's recommendation that you provide comment on the Aesthetic/Visual Impacts analysis (Sec. 3.2) in the Draft EIR prepared for this project.

Questions: Is this project consistent with the County's visual resource policies, as discussed in the Draft EIR (Sec. 3.10.4)? If not, what actions should the applicant take to make the project consistent? Has the applicant adequately addressed the cumulative impacts that the project will have on the existing cultural landscape of the Lompoc Valley and the Jalama Beach coastline?

B. Clough

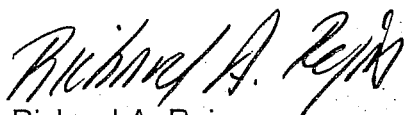
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Balancing our County's high standards for land use with the expectations of our citizen's for maintaining a high-quality of life truly is an important and essential responsibility. As the Chairperson for our County's CBAR, I am confident that your insight and commitment for protecting special places like La Purisima Mission, Jalama County Beach Park and the cultural landscapes that they share will guide your decisions today and in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to the stewardship of La Purisima Mission State Historic Park or concerns expressed in this letter, please contact me at 805/585-1847 or via email at [rroja@parks.ca.gov](mailto:rroja@parks.ca.gov).

Respectfully,



Richard A. Rojas  
District Superintendent

CC: John Day, Santa Barbara County Planning & Development Department

November 5, 2007

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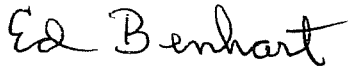
Dear Sir,

On October 13, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger signed assembly Bill 821 – legislation authored by assembly member Pedro Nava which will now require hunters to use non-lead ammunition within the range of the California Condor.

Santa Barbara County is within that range. I do not believe that a project such as the proposed Lompoc Wind Energy Project, located in Miguelito Canyon would be compatible with the multi-million dollar efforts already spent for the Condor Recovery Program.

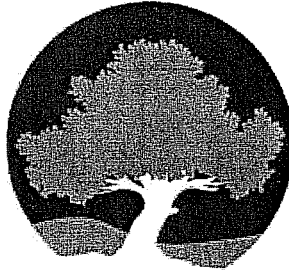
Projects such as this one are well known to cause high avian mortality rates and would definitely have a negative impact on the efforts of the Condor Recovery Program, as well as any other protected birds which inhabit the area such as Golden Eagles.

Sincerely:



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Assemblyman: Pedro Nava  
Assemblyman: Sam Blakeslee  
Supervisor: Joni Gray  
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November 21, 2007

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**VIA EMAIL**

**RE: California Guidelines For Reducing Impacts To Birds And Bats From Wind Energy Development**

Dear Mr. Day:

This letter is submitted by the Environmental Defense Center (“EDC”) regarding Santa Barbara County’s Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) for the Lompoc Wind Energy Project, as well as the County’s review of other pending or future wind energy projects. The California Energy Commission has recently approved the *California Guidelines for Reducing Impacts to Birds and Bats from Wind Energy Development* (“Guidelines”). Draft versions of these Guidelines were released in 2006 and in 2007, and in our September 4, 2007 comment letter regarding the DEIR for the Lompoc Wind Energy Project, EDC requested that the County consider the recommendations in these Guidelines to correct significant flaws in the DEIR. We request that these, now final, Guidelines be considered as you continue your environmental review of the Lompoc Wind Energy Project. The Guidelines are available at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-OII-1/>.

In addition, we would like to respond to your statement (in an email sent to Misa Ward of the California Energy Commission, dated Sept. 7, 2007) that parties who referenced these Guidelines in their comments on the Lompoc Wind Energy Project

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Mr. John Day

Santa Barbara County Energy Division

RE: California Guidelines For Reducing Impacts to Birds  
And Bats From Wind Energy Development

DEIR asserted that the DEIR “is inadequate because it does not follow the protocol recommended in the draft Guidelines.” To clarify, this was not EDC’s contention. As discussed at length in our comment letter, the DEIR fails to meet CEQA requirements pertaining to the analysis of the environmental baseline for bird and bat use of the Project area, potential bird and bat impacts from the Project, and identification of mitigation measures to avoid or minimize impacts. These flaws must be corrected to conduct an adequate environmental analysis.

The Guidelines were jointly developed by the California Energy Commission and the California Department of Fish and Game with the assistance of a science advisory committee and extensive input from a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives from the wind energy industry, resource agencies, and environmental groups. As a result, this document represents the most current state of scientific knowledge and a balanced consideration of the means to assess, avoid, minimize and mitigate bird and bat impacts from wind energy projects. For these reasons, we identified the Guidelines as an appropriate standard for assessing and mitigating bird and bat impacts from the Lompoc Wind Energy Project.

For these same reasons, we also urge the County to consider and implement, as appropriate, the recommendations in these Guidelines for other pending and future wind energy projects in Santa Barbara County. EDC strongly supports the implementation of renewable energy projects, including wind energy projects, in Santa Barbara County, however, it is critical that such projects be constructed and operated to avoid and minimize environmental impacts to the maximum extent feasible. The Guidelines provide a consistent, science-based framework for the evaluation and mitigation of bird and bat impacts, and will thus benefit both wind energy proponents in the County and the County’s bird and bat populations.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Staff Attorney

cc: Doug Anthony

**Day, John**

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**From:** Malinda Putnam [malindajane@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 23, 2008 10:09 AM

**To:** Day, John

**Subject:** lompoc wind generation project

Dear Mr. Day:

I urge you to delay not one second in your approval of the wind power project proposed near Lompoc by Acciona. Entire species are vanishing while we withdraw from our fossil fuels addiction. I am familiar with the ecosystem (including the avian species) in the area of the proposed project and it will adapt. It will be harmed far less by this project than has been the case with oil and gas projects in the area. The effects of this particular project are going to be so minimal that it should have been granted a negative declaration under California's environmental quality laws.

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**From:** claude.pasquis@gmail.com  
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**To:** Day, John  
**Cc:** Claude Pasquis  
**Subject:** Santa BarbaraCounty Wind farm

John,  
I have been a big fan of this project ever since I first read about it over 18 months ago. PLEASE do whatever you can to help this project be completed. Our state, our country, all the citizens of our planet need more alternative energy sources. I realize that yours is not the first wind farm, but the sooner your project is completed, the sooner other communities will follow your lead and understand the viability of these technologies.

Thank You  
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To All Concerned PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Sept. 12, 2008

(revised from letter of 8/28/07)

My wife and I moved to Lompoc 38 years ago in order to teach in local schools. We consider ourselves loyal, concerned citizens of this area, and will remain through our retirement years. We would like to take this opportunity to express strong support for the development of alternative energy production.

We attended the August 6th, 2007 Environmental Impact Report presentation in Lompoc, and left the event encouraged by the considerations which were showcased. Of course, we have concerns about any such project; primarily two:

1. Migratory flyways. The wind turbine project must consider this to be a priority for mitigation. As a retired biology teacher I could not abide the wholesale slaughter of migrating birds and bats. However, project managers could employ and cooperate with wildlife researchers to assess the least threatening corridors in the project zone, and could adjust the height, color and seasonal timing of operation for the turbines in the zone. Developers have much to prove to us in this area, but it can be done.
2. Residents in the ground zero passage. Our neighbors in the Migulito Canyon area must be treated with utmost respect and sensitivity. These residents will unavoidably pay the greatest personal price for the privilege of being part of cutting edge technology. Hopefully, project leaders would meet frequently with those most directly affected by the disruptions. They should be assured that, after the "dust settles" on the phased project, they would be left with vastly improved roads, access routes, and appropriate infrastructure improvements for each property owner.

Now for the issue of visibility. Our home is in the south hills of town, near Beattie Park, and we will certainly have a clear view of new power lines, as currently proposed, and may have a view of several of the tallest turbine towers above the hilltops to the southwest. Our view: WE CAN LIVE WITH IT! It is incomprehensible to us that citizens, even those from as far away as Vandenberg Village, could take a distant, minimal view of turbine blades to be some sort of blight or embarrassment. A preferred viewpoint, one which shows some vision, might be one of pride---that the Lompoc area could act as a

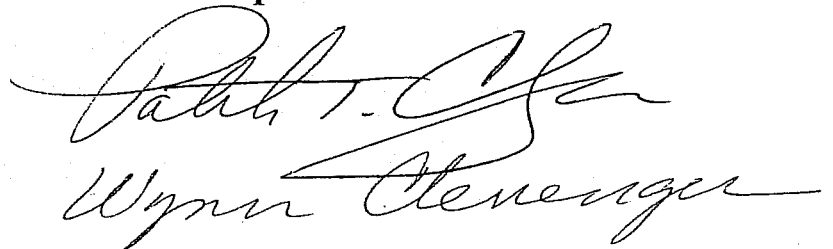
**pioneer for energy alternatives! Be proud of these efforts, as we're already falling behind the rest of the world.**

**We have recently returned from Europe. Of relevance to the turbine issue is the fact that we found many areas in the Netherlands and Spain which had operating wind turbines. Throughout Holland and other provinces turbines were spinning away, sometimes immediately adjacent to 400 yr. old windmills which tourists travel to admire. In Spain, wind turbine "forests" were prominently displayed on ridgetops, rising above vast olive groves. The citizens and their governments were proud of the progressive efforts to find alternatives for energy; there was no attempt to hide their efforts.**

**In conclusion, we wish to encourage Lompoc residents--- all Americans for that matter, to take the long view, to rise to the big picture, of our future needs. All important change must start somewhere, then evolve to efficiency. Our energy needs are great and growing. We must do everything possible to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels-- especially from the sources which have a history of negative impacts on our foreign policies, and also to prevent the sort of energy extortion we Californians suffered at the hands of corrupt corporations, such as Enron, a few years ago.**

**Rather than endlessly attend to "not in my back yard" arguments we need to take a collective attitude of activism and pride in all efforts to co-exist with our natural environment. We can insist on commitment to our concerns; we can hold project managers to their word; we can help shape our own future. We urge Lompoc citizens to get involved with the assurance of quality in such projects.**

**Sincerely,  
Patrick & Wynn Clevenger  
Lompoc**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick & Wynn Clevenger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.