

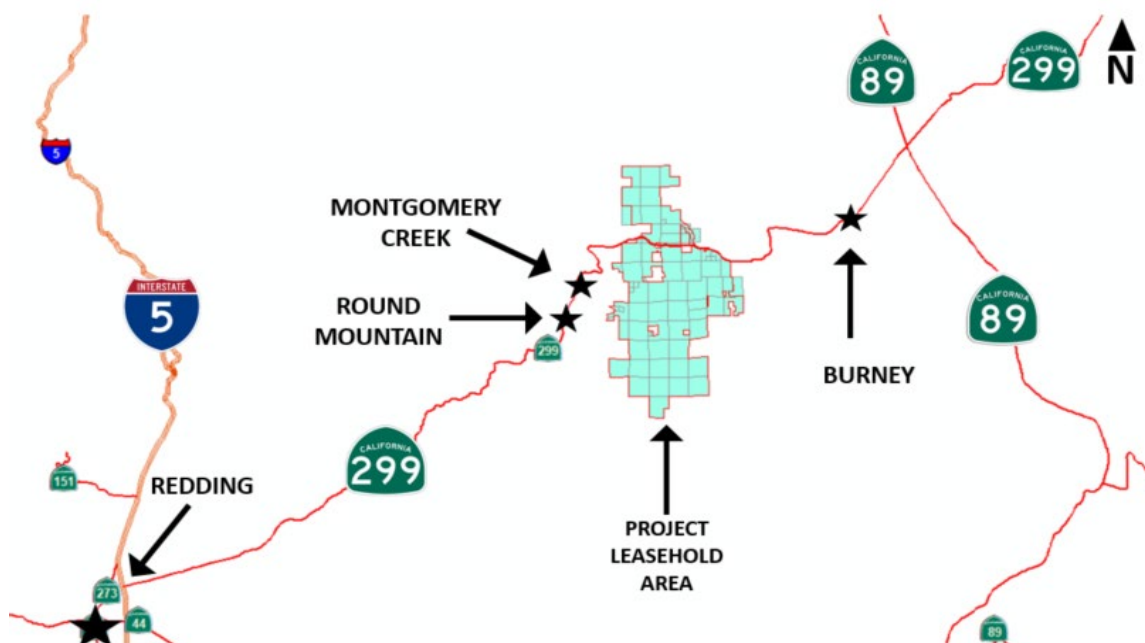
**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO CONSIDER THE APPEAL OF THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION'S
DENIAL OF USE PERMIT 16-007 AND TO CONSIDER A
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE FOUNTAIN WIND PROJECT**

This notice is being provided pursuant to applicable law. Fountain Wind, LLC has requested approval of Use Permit 16-007 for a renewable wind energy generation development proposed on approximately 4,464 acres in unincorporated Shasta County. The applicant has applied for a use permit to construct, operate, maintain, and ultimately decommission up to 71 wind turbines and associated transformers together with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities. Each turbine would be no more than 679 feet tall, as measured from ground level to vertical blade tip (total tip height) and would have a generating capacity of 3 to 6.2 megawatts (MW). The project would have a maximum total generating capacity of up to 216 MW.

On June 22, 2021, the Shasta County Planning Commission, by a 5-0 vote, denied Use Permit 16-007 and the applicant has now filed an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision with the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

Following the filing of its appeal, the applicant indicated it intends to propose a modified project which could include modifications such as: (1) reducing the maximum number of turbines from 71 to 48; (2) reducing the maximum turbine height from 679 to 610 feet; (3) eliminating any turbines north of California State Route (SR) 299; (4) modifying some of the specific locations of the turbines; and (5) other potential modifications. Information about the applicant's proposed revisions may be viewed at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/planning/eir/fountain-wind-project (click "Applicant Memorandum Describing Refinements to the Proposed Project Design" under the heading "Board of Supervisors Appeal Hearing Information"). The Board of Supervisors will consider whether to reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, the Planning Commission's denial of the use permit or may consider approving the project as presented to the Planning Commission or a modified version of the project, as permitted by law, as well as consider whether to certify the final environmental impact report (EIR). The Final EIR includes discussion and evaluation of potential alternatives which are similar to the modifications currently proposed by the applicant.

The project site is located within an approximately 29,500-acre leasehold comprised of 76 Shasta County Assessor's parcels operated as managed forest timberlands. The project site is located approximately one mile west of the existing Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, 6 miles west of Burney, 35 miles northeast of Redding, immediately north and south of SR 299, and near the private recreational facility of Moose Camp, and other private inholdings. Other nearby communities include Montgomery Creek, Round Mountain, Hillcrest, Wengler, and Big Bend. The project site is also within a geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Pit River Tribe. Lassen National Forest lies to the southeast, and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest is to the north.



The Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, State of California (Board), acting as the lead agency, will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal of the Shasta County Planning Commission's denial of Use Permit 16-007. The Board will also consider certification of the Final EIR.

The public hearing to consider the appeal of the Shasta County Planning Commission's denial of Use Permit 16-007 and whether to certify the Final EIR will be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 with the session beginning at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Board will allow. The hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1450 Court Street, Room 263, Redding, California 96001 and in-person participation is currently planned to be available at that site. An alternate site will be available

to allow for overflow public participation telephonically or electronically in the City of Redding Community Room at 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California 96001.

All interested parties are, consistent with restrictions related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, encouraged and invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed actions or participate in the public hearing to be heard regarding the actions to be considered including, but not limited to, consideration of the appeal of the Shasta County Planning Commission's denial of a use permit for the proposed project and the proposed certification of the Final EIR for the proposed project.

All interested parties are encouraged and invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed environmental findings, the appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of the use permit, and/or the merits of the proposed use permit prior to the hearing or to participate in the public hearing. Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with orders and recommendations of federal, state and local authorities, the procedures governing the conduct of the Board of Supervisors meeting may be modified. Please refer to the Board of Supervisors' Meetings and Agendas webpage at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos/meeting-agendas/fountain-wind-appeal-hearing or call the Clerk of the Board at (530) 225-5550 or (800) 479-8009 for information about these modifications and the procedures for conducting the public hearing. Reasonable accommodations will be made to individuals with disabilities. To submit comments via e-mail or U.S. Mail, please forward them to the Clerk of the Board to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. one day prior to the meeting at the following e-mail address: clerkoftheboard@co.shasta.ca.us, or the following mailing address: Shasta County Clerk of the Board, 1450 Court Street, Suite 308B, Redding, California 96001.

Please note that any challenge of the proposed action in court may be limited to addressing only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence submitted to the Clerk of the Board at, or prior to, the public hearing in accordance with the modified procedures governing the conduct of the Board of Supervisors meeting outlined on the Clerk of the Board's webpage.

A copy of the staff report and all attachments will be posted on the Shasta County website at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos/meeting-agendas and will be available for review at the Clerk of the Board, 1450 Court Street, Suite 308B, Redding, California 96001 prior to the hearing; Telephone (530) 225-5550 or (800) 479-8009. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone who may be interested in this information. (Publication Date: 10/15/21)