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Public Comment Group 3

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Karen Osland <kosland@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 10:32 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Comments for Public Hearing, Appeal of Strauss Wind Energy Project



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January 26, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Re: Public Hearing January 28, 2020 . Agenda Item: Approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project and Conditional Use Permit and Variance.

Dear Chair Hart and Honorable Supervisors,

In 2016, Strauss Wind LLC, an affiliate of German firm BayWa LLC, made an application to Santa Barbara County to install wind turbines on the site of the previously approved Lompoc Wind Energy Project (2009).

In July 2018, Marin Clean Energy and BayWa r.e. Wind, LLC announced that they had entered into a long-term power purchase agreement for 100% of the output of the Strauss Wind Project. "The project is expected to provide clean energy for over 24,000 homes. Marin Clean Energy supplies electrical power to communities in Contra Costa, Solano, Marin and Napa Counties." (www.mceCleanEnergy.org, accessed Jan 16, 2020)

During the review process of the DEIR and SEIR statements were made in our local newspapers that that this project will provide enough power to generate electricity for up to 44,00 homes in Santa Barbara county. Although the Wind Farm might generate this energy, the long-term purchase agreement precludes the residents of Santa Barbara county from ever benefiting from it.

As it stands now, other than short term jobs for some construction workers, the only thing North County residents will receive are the adverse impacts associated with the Strauss Wind farm as currently designed.

According to the EIR, construction of the Wind Farm will have Class One (significant and unavoidable) impacts on the local (North County) environment. These impacts come almost entirely from the Applicants decision increase the height of the Wind Turbines from those proposed for the Lompoc Wind Farm (LWEP). In addition, the Applicants decision to not use the LWEP environmentally preferred transmission line route and switchyard location will result in the switchyard being placed within ninety feet of the homes on Sheffield Drive in the City of Lompoc.

While it is true that we need to increase our renewable energy sources, not all projects to do so are good ones. This is case of the SWEP project, as designed. The LWEP, at the same location, with the same needs to convey the electrical power generated by the Wind Farm was able to meet its

goals and not create Class One adverse impacts to our local, North County, environment and residents on Sheffield Drive in Lompoc.

I urge the County Board of Supervisors to consider the effect of this poorly planned project on North County residents and not approve this project.

Sincerely,

Karen Osland
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Lompoc, Ca.

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Villalobos, David
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 10:38 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Pfeifer, Kathy
Subject: Fwd: Please Approve Strauss Wind Project

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From: "**Deborah Williams**" <deborah1518@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2020 at 10:25 AM -0800
Subject: Please Approve Strauss Wind Project
To: "Villalobos, David" <dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>

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Dear Supervisors,

As a resident of Goleta, as a Lecturer in the Environmental Studies Department at UCSB, as the owner of a small home with 16 solar panels and an electric car, and as someone who is deeply concerned about climate change and our obligations to current and future generations, I strongly urge you to double renewable energy by approving the Strauss Wind project on January 28.

Thank you,

Deborah Williams

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*The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it,
ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.*
- Winston Churchill

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Villalobos, David
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 1:59 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: FW: Please vote yes for the solar project

I think he means the wind energy project.

From: Jim Davis <mrwaterx@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Villalobos, David <dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>
Subject: Please vote yes for the solar project

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Santa Barbara county is affected by climate change increasingly. Please help the county do its part to combat this. Please vote to support the solar project.

Jim Davis

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