



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

September 19, 2023

Present: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 23-00910

RE: Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the appeal (Case no. 23APL-00034) of the Planning Commission's August 9, 2023 approval of a revision to Permit Condition No. 38, MM BIO-16 (Golden Eagle Take Permit) for the Strauss Wind Energy Project (Case No. 23RVP-00031), Third and Fourth Districts, as follows:
(Set a hearing for October 3, 2023. Time estimate: 1 hour)

- a) Uphold the appeal, Case No. 23APL-00034;
- b) Make the required findings for denial of the project, Case No. 23RVP-00031;
- c) Determine that the denial of the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15270(a); and
- d) Deny the project, Case No. 23RVP-00031; or

Alternatively, the Board could deny the appeal and approve the project by taking the following actions:

- a) Deny the appeal, Case No. 23APL-00034;
- b) Make the required findings for approval of the project (Case No. 23RVP-00031) including the CEQA findings;
- c) Approve the Addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR), 18EIR-00000-00011, and determine that, as reflected in the CEQA findings, no subsequent EIR is required for this project; and
- d) Grant de novo approval of the project, Case No. 23RVP-00031, subject to the Conditions of Approval.

A motion was made by Supervisor Nelson, seconded by Supervisor Hartmann, that this matter be set for a hearing, as follows: October 3, 2023 in Santa Maria (EST. TIME 1 HR.). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino