Lompoc Wind Energy Project Appeal of Land Use Permit

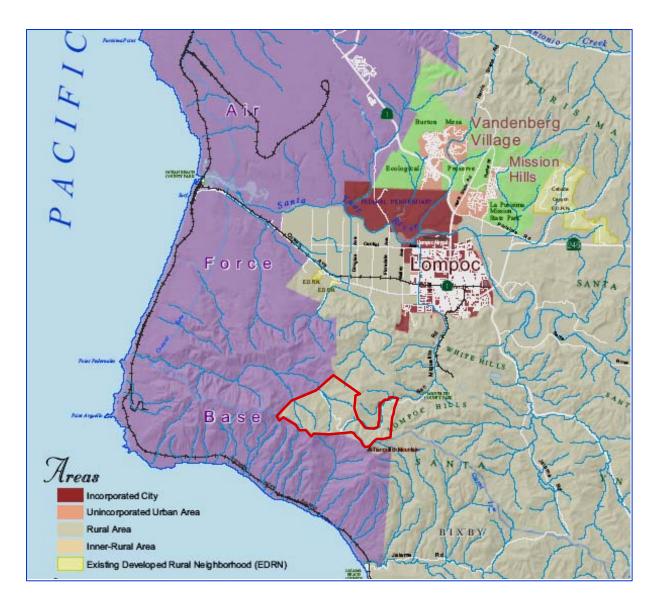
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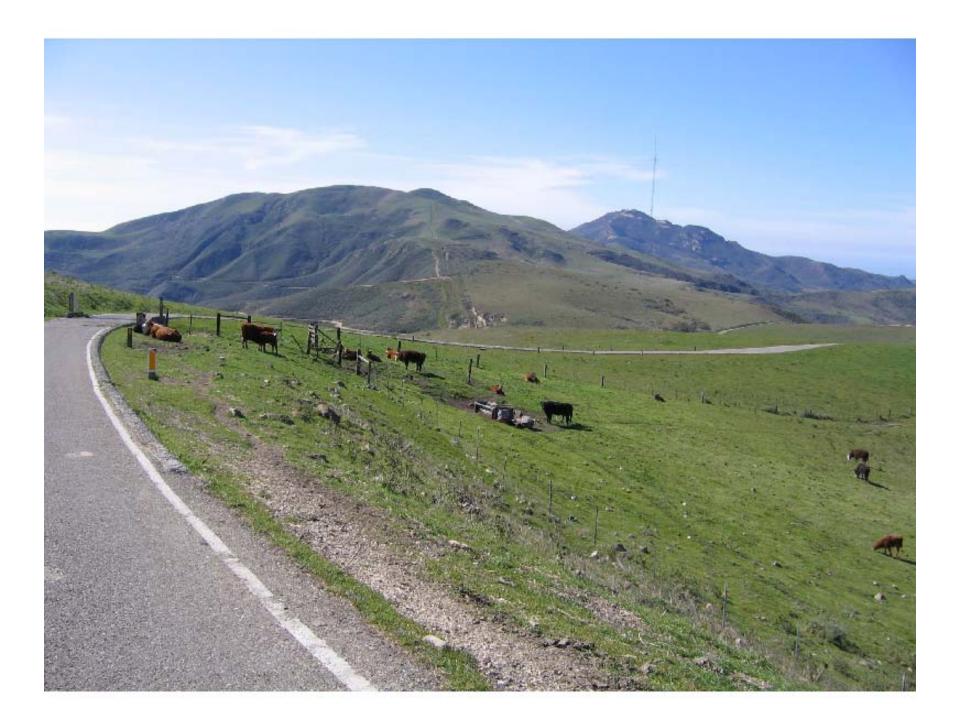
September 15, 2009

# **Today's Hearing**

- Staff Presentation Kevin Drude
- Appeal Presentation Bedfords
- Applicant Presentation Harley McDonald
- Public Comment
- Rebuttals Bedfords / Applicant
- Staff Comments
- Board Deliberation & Actions

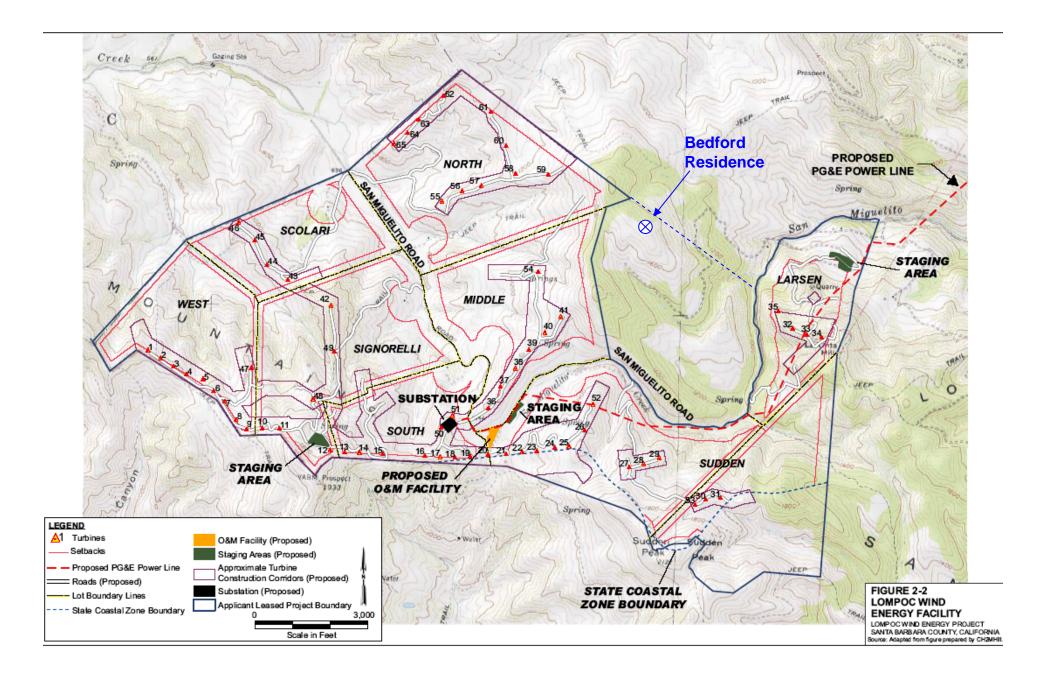
#### **Project Location**





## Background

P/C approved project 9/30/08
Appeal to Board of Supervisors.
Board denied Bedford appeal 2/10/09.
Bedfords filed CEQA lawsuit 3/9/09.
Court hearing early December '09



#### What's Being Appealed Today?

- 3/30/09 Application complete
- 4/16/09 Substantial Conformity Determination (SCD) approved
- 4/17/09 Land Use Permit (LUP) approved
- 4/23/09 Bedfords appealed to P/C
- 7/15/09 P/C Denied appeal, approved project
- 7/20/09 Bedfords appealed to Board

#### Land Use Permit (4/17/09)

Extend the removal deadline for 4 <u>temporary</u> met towers to 12/31/10.

 Only one 30-meter permanent met tower (install before Phase I approval)

Temporary met tower height increases, as per approved CUP.

## **Bedford Appeal Points**

"Significant alteration to approved EIR." "Not minor alterations." "Requires further CEQA analysis." "This is <u>not</u> what was approved!"

## Staff Response to Appeal

Delayed tower removal
 — minor change

Early installation of 1 tower — minor change

Reduction to one 30-meter tower — beneficial







#### Sudden Road & San Miguelito Road

#### Revised LUP (7/15/09)

Remove 4 met towers within 45 days following LUP issuance

 30-meter met tower allowed prior to final project plan approval

Met tower height increase deleted
 –Zoning Clearance issued 6/29/09

# Recommendations

- 1. Deny the Bedford Appeal
- 2. Adopt the required findings
- 3. Accept the EIR Addendum
- 4. Approve the revised LUP

