

# Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** County Executive Office  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Strauss Wind Energy Project  
**Attachments:** Wind Energy in support of.docx

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**From:** GERALD SCOLARI  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 10:40 PM  
**To:** skscolari@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Strauss Wind Energy Project

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Attached file is our letter supporting the Lompoc Strauss Wind Energy Project.

Thank you

LeRoy Scolari

Rosebel Scolari Cameron

Gerald & Sandra Scolari

Our family has been in the Honda Canyon since 1884, they were dairy farmers who immigrated to Lompoc for a better life.

In 1941 Camp Cooke, now Vandenberg AFB, took over half of the family property by eminent domain. Around 1950 dairy was no longer profitable and they switched to a cow/calf beef cattle operation. At that time a small ranch could support a family.

Forwarding to 2019, present economic conditions make it difficult to survive on smaller acreage. If we want to continue ranching and keep this area open, we need a compatible source of income.

Wind Energy meets this criterion. The Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee has deemed wind energy projects to be a compatible use with agricultural operations.

When construction is completed cattle can graze right up to the base of the turbines without harm. The areas wildlife will continue undisturbed.

The Strauss Wind Energy Project will provide enough clean renewable energy for nearly 45,000 California homes. California has always been on the cutting edge of environmental progress. This project is a step in the right direction by keeping our air clean and keeping our area open for ranching / agricultural operations.

The Strauss Wind Energy Project should be supported by all, and we encourage the county to approve this project immediately.

LeRoy Scolari  
Rosebel Scolari Cameron  
Gerald & Sandra Scolari

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**From:** Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 19, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** RE: Strauss Wind Energy Project

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors,

I urge you to uphold the appeal to deny the CUP and Variances of the Strauss Wind Farm Miguelito Canyon.

This scenic and historic land is home to hundreds of old growth CA Oaks - rare native plants and habitat for many rare birds.

There are many Native American sites held sacred to our local tribes. It's truly a special place.

Adding more miles to the PG and E power grid is unacceptable.

The plan needs revisiting. Please deny this project and its heavy dose of environmental impacts.

Thank you for all your work for the benefit of Santa Barbara.

Sincerely,

Francesca Galt  
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**From:** Paulina Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2020 10:37 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Uphold Appeal. Deny wind farm Conditional Use Permit and variances.

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Re: Strauss Commercial Wind Energy Farm in Miguelito Canyon

Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

Please uphold the appeal against the Strauss Wind Energy Farm in Miguelito Canyon. Their Conditional Use Permit and Variances must not be granted.

This massive Commercial Wind Farm does too much ecological damage for too little benefit. It threatens endangered native plants. It destroys ancient native oak trees by the hundreds. Raptors get killed by the blades. Nesting areas are compromised. Underground critters get their habitats continuously shaken by the massive turbines 500 feet above ground that shake the massive pillars that are anchored underground. It's like having a noisy earthquake occurring 24/7. The lighted area at night is bad for bats. The excessive height requires flashing red lights for aircraft, which is a disruption to the dark night sky.

We must STOP using NEW LAND for these supposed renewable energy ventures. The planet's ecosystems can not tolerate continued destruction of more and more land.

It is time for land owners to cooperate and have land use doubled or tripled in varieties of uses at the same location.

**Put wind turbines on the Tajiguas Landfill, on land that oil companies are already using for refineries and oil extraction or place occasional turbines on different pieces of farm land in windy areas.**

Perhaps the concept of a whole wind farm with many tall turbines in one location is not a good idea. Certainly this location, Miguelito Canyon is a terrible idea. Six thousand acres is a huge amount of land to scar up and destroy.

Individuals are not allowed to build homes with roof lines above the ridge line. Why does Strauss Wind Farm not have to abide by this?

Individuals must thread their driveways in between the oaks saving them. Why does Strauss Wind Farm not have to abide by this?

The Gaviota Coast is not the place for this kind of ecologically destructive commercialism.

We need to save large swatches of habitat that do not have lots of human activity so that our native wildlife and plants can thrive. Humans may need them in the future. Also humans need to start making less damaging footprints.

Maybe a whole commercial wind farm is not the answer. Maybe occasional turbines in windy places at sea such as the abandoned oil platforms or on an occasional piece of farm land is better than a whole collection of

turbines together especially on the top of mountains that interfere with birds and bats and need red lights to warn aircraft and are visible for miles and miles at night where the skies used to be dark. Humans need to figure out how to have less energy loss over distances. We humans also need to figure out how to have all our appliances use less energy.

I wrote a letter against this farm in this location to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission made the incorrect decision to allow it.

The damage this wind farm creates far outweighs any energy benefits it provides. We need renewable energy but not this way.

Please deny this project. Do not let a feeling of desperation make you decide on something that is as inherently destructive as this project in this location.

Please uphold the appeal by the California Native Plant Society, George Bedford, and Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo LLP. The Audubon Society also asked the Planning Commission to deny this project.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** Linda Gooch <lindagooch@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 18, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Strauss Wind Project

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My concerns is that there is a requirement that the project returns the land back to it's original state. When the project is not operational in a short time period. There is a wind farm on the east end of the Big Island of Hawaii that is a eye sore were there is just a small number of turbine generators that are still working. It looks like they were savaging parts off the one that don't work anymore to keep the farm going. So there needs to be a binding part of the contract that requires any tower to be removed if they don't produce electricity for a short amount of time. Tom Gooch 317 South G Lompoc Ca 93436 805 735-1844

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**From:** Villalobos, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:35 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** FW: Strauss Wind Energy Project

For 1/28 hearing.

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**From:** Pfeifer, Kathy <Kathypm@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Villalobos, David <dvillalo@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**Subject:** FW: Strauss Wind Energy Project

Received this comment letter on the Strauss Wind project. Not sure if I send to you...?

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**From:** Mary <mcedwards28@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** Pfeifer, Kathy <Kathypm@co.santa-barbara.ca.us>  
**Subject:** Strauss Wind Energy Project

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Kathy,

Additional concerns from the scoping meeting:

Strauss plan calls out the amount of added traffic from the transport of construction material, water, workers plus the possibilities of closing roads and working in some cases into the night due to constraints. There is no mention of how this will take place through the city. Getting from highway 1 or 246 is a big jump to San Miguelito Rd, or how this would be conveyed to the residents. In the event of medical emergencies what would the protocol be? Presently there is very limited patrolling of the roads up here, this needs to be reviewed, with the road being widened, we will have a speed way up here.

Transmission lines being installed from poles 68 – 71 does require new access roads, this will change the Topography of the water run off from the mountain into the canyon road. Houses directly in front of these lines will be affected, as well as the "EMF", which is continuously being studied due to unknown adverse effects. Strauss per their details on page G-29 state "The Applicant anticipates acquiring easements ranging from 50 to 100 feet wide, depending on design, span length, and terrain." These lines would be approx., 300 to 500 ft. from our homes. Since the true size of these structures are not called out in their plan, the mountain range in front of our homes will/may be destroyed as well.

The Strauss Plan also makes the statements in table G-6 "100 year storm water" events: well this has come to pass recently, we have had several of these events and they need to be addressed without waiting for the event to happen and than plan.

Fire season is 365 days a year not just a date on the calendar, making suggestions for clearing landscaping and maintaining around these turbines or the O & M building that will house, used and new oils and gas - at just this time of

year is unacceptable. We as home owners are required to have 100 ft. defensible space for fires, why is this only 10 ft. in their planning.

In the Strauss plan there are a lot of "could or may" statements in regards to safety: why are these not "Will" statements. I reference the fuel barrier, the braking system of the turbines, the O & M building, fire response of these system.

The original EIR was slated for smaller turbines than what is being presented today, yes there are fewer but these are more powerful. Lights will be required according to FAA, noise levels for 2009 project – were @ 45Db what is the noise output for these larger units. We have a Dog sanctuary in this area, will these have adverse effects on them?

The EIR should be totally re-done, the requirements, the affects on our environments, should not be looked upon lightly, once you start this project there will be no way to undo the damages.

I believe in renewable energy, I invested in solar to be responsible. I believe that in 2009 when this was approved, there wasn't a California law to have "Solar" on new construction, with that said will the O & M building have solar as well?

We have other ways to create renewable energy without destroying the scenic views, disrupt the natural beauty of the environment, animals and birds habitat. We need to protect our eco systems for the future and this has to be looked at in detail.

As a home owner the fear of not being able to access our home in the event of fire, and storms is a real concern. We have 1 way in and 1 way out when a fire does occur, fire agencies will need additional resources to combat these situations because we know they will "Happen".

Security for these turbines should be looked at as well, we know times are changing and values are too, no longer are the days of not locking your doors. Strauss states they will have monitoring, but how long before a real person can handle a situation. We saw with the oil spill, how long it took for intervention to occur, we can't have that happening with these turbines.

Thank you Very Much  
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**Ramirez, Angelica**

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**From:** Carla Frisk <carla.frisk@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020 8:47 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Cc:** 'Michael Lyons'  
**Subject:** Strauss Wind Energy Project Letter of Support  
**Attachments:** Strauss Wind Energy support ltr to BOS, 1-21-20.docx

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To Whom It May Concern,

Attached is a letter of support from Get Oil Out! for the Strauss Wind Energy Project which is scheduled to be on the Board of Supervisors Agenda on January 28, 2020. Please add GOO!'s letter to this agenda item.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to email me back at the above email address.

Carla Frisk, Secretary  
Get Oil Out!



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January 20, 2020

Supervisor Gregg Hart, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Chairman Hart and Members of the Board:

On Friday, January 17th, the Board of Directors of Get Oil Out! (GOO!) voted to support the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission's decision to approve the Strauss Wind Energy Project because it would meet one of GOO!'s primary objects: getting alternative energy in.

GOO! was founded in the aftermath of the tragic 1969 oil spill that devastated Santa Barbara's beaches, as well as its local tourist economy. While GOO!'s main efforts for the past 51 years have focused on monitoring oil and gas developments in the Santa Barbara Channel, it is also working to support alternative energy sources so that all offshore oil development can be permanently eliminated from the Santa Barbara Channel.

The Strauss Wind Energy project would generate enough clean, renewable energy to power nearly 45,000 homes each year with less than half of the turbines previously approved by the County under an earlier wind project in the same location. It would **double** renewable energy generation in Santa Barbara County, helping to meet the State's 100% renewable energy goal. During the project's 30 year lifetime, it would prevent more than 6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide from polluting the environment — the equivalent of eliminating nearly 16 billion vehicle miles or the burning of almost 15 million gallons of oil. Finally, it will provide hundreds of jobs and contribute significant tax dollars to the County.

It is for all of these reasons that GOO! urges the County Board of Supervisors to uphold the County Planning Commission's approval of the Strauss Wind Energy project when it considers the project's appeal on January 28th, the 51st anniversary of the infamous 1969 Oil Spill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Lyons".

Michael Lyons  
President