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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On **January 28, 2020**, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at the Joseph Centeno Betteravia Government Administration Building, Board Hearing Room, 511 E. Lakeside parkway, Santa Maria, CA. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The following planning item will be heard in order of agenda placement, subject to the discretion of the Board:

Bedford; Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo, LLP; and California Native Plant Society Appeal of the Strauss Wind Energy Project Conditional Use Permit and Variance

The Board of Supervisors will consider the appeals (Case No. 19APL-00000-00033, 19APL-00000-00034, 19APL-00000-00035) filed by George Bedford, Adams, Broadwell, Joseph & Cardozo, LLP, and the California Native Plant Society, of the County Planning Commission's November 20, 2019 approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project Conditional Use Permit and Variance (Case Nos. 16CUP-00000-00031 and 18VAR-00000-00002).

The proposed Strauss Wind Energy Project is a commercial scale wind energy project, which would generate up to 98.14 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy with 29 wind turbine generators (WTGs) located over a project area of 5,887 acres. The project site is located approximately 4 miles southwest of the City of Lompoc at the terminus of San Miguelito Road. Six WTGs would have a power generating capacity of 1.79 megawatts (MW) and would be up to 427 feet tall and 23 WTGs would have a power generating capacity of 3.8 MW and would be up to 492 feet tall. A 5,000-square foot operations and maintenance building would be located near the center of the Project site. All power generated by the WTGs would be transmitted to an onsite Project substation via a power cable collection system, which would be ~~mostly~~ ^{underground} underground. From the substation, electricity would be transmitted by an ~~overhead~~ ^{underground} transmission line of 7.3 miles in length which would connect to a switchyard located south of the City of Lompoc where electricity would enter the grid network.

The proposed Project involves 22 parcels in the Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts:

- The wind turbine site is located within 11 parcels and is near the intersection of San Miguelito Road and Sudden Road, southwest of the City of Lompoc: Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 083-100-008, 083-250-011, 083-250-016, 083-250-019, 083-090-001, 083-090-002, 083-090-003, 083-080-004, 083-100-007, 083-100-004, and 083-090-004.
- The transmission line runs from the wind turbine site in a northeast direction into the City of Lompoc and traverses 11 parcels: APNs 093-140-016, 083-060-013, 083-030-031, 083-030-005, 083-030-006, 083-110-012, 083-110-007, 083-110-008, 083-060-017, and 083-110-002, 099-141-034.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to appear and speak in support or in opposition to the project. Written comments can be sent to: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, c/o Clerk of the Board, 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, CA, 93101, or you may provide comments in person at the Board of Supervisors hearing. Written comments are also welcome and may be emailed to sbcob@co.santa-barbara.ca.us.

Please see the posted agenda available on Thursday prior to the hearing at <https://santabarbara.legistar.com/calendar.aspx> for a more specific time for this item. However, the order of the agenda may be rearranged or the item may be continued.

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To review the Board Agenda Letter and related documents, please visit the Board of Supervisors website or the Clerk of the Board at 105 E. Anapamu Street, 4th Floor, Santa Barbara, or the Betteravia Government Center, 511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.

Attendance and participation by the public is invited and encouraged. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by 4:00 PM on Friday before the Board meeting. For information about these services please contact the Clerk of the Board at (805) 568-2240.

If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the Board of Supervisors prior to the public hearing.

For further information, please contact Kathy Pfeifer at (805) 568-2507.

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Subject: RE: Strauss Wind Project

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you in order to share our official position on the Strauss Wind Energy Project. The undersigned support the building of renewable energy projects in Santa Barbara County as a necessary component to the transition away from fossil fuels as dictated by the best science. However, we cannot endorse the Strauss Wind Energy Project due to concerns about BayWa's lack of a Project Labor Agreement with union labor and lack of consultation with all Chumash bands (including non-federally recognized bands).

We have to cut greenhouse gas emissions, and fast.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a groundbreaking report that found that to keep global average temperatures to below 1.5 degrees Celsius – the universally accepted 'safe' target – we have to cut global emissions in half by 2030. The International Energy Agency (IEA) followed by releasing a report which found that all current fossil fuel infrastructure would eat up that carbon budget – in other words, to stay below 1.5 degrees Celsius, we cannot build any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

We need renewable energy, but the transition must be just and fair.

We need to procure our energy from cleaner, renewable sources -- like solar and wind -- that can power our communities. For the undersigned, however, simply replacing oil with renewable energy is not enough: the transition needs to be just and fair. We desperately need renewable energy. However, approving energy projects simply because they are low-carbon while ignoring the social dimensions of their plans runs contrary to the goal of a just and fair transition.

Why we have chosen to not endorse the Strauss Wind Energy Project.

We understand that Bay Wa's wind project proposal would be the first wind project in this county. While the turbines would provide carbon-free energy, the undersigned have chosen not to endorse the project due to concerns about the lack of consultation with tribes and the lack of a project labor agreement (PLA) with local union labor.

There are serious questions about the way that BayWa communicated with the Chumash bands of the area. We respect the autonomy of each tribe and moreover affirm the necessity of free, prior and informed consultation and consent occurring with all tribes, regardless of federal status. We understand certain Chumash bands were not consulted nor made aware of the project and have concerns. All Chumash bands must be consulted, regardless of federal recognition status.

Second, workers' needs must be met in this transition, particularly having access to well-paying, safe jobs. Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) -- also known as community workforce agreements -- are the best means for ensuring fair wages, the use of local workforces, apprenticeship training, stability, efficiency, and safety. A PLA is an enforceable pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific construction project. BayWa refused to

broker a PLA with the Building Trades Council, indicating ambivalence as to the health and safety of the workers and the community surrounding the project, and moreover setting a dangerous precedent for future energy projects.

Looking forward.

Looking forward, we pledge to actively work with coalition partners -- new and old -- to build a just transition in Santa Barbara County. This includes advocating for both free, prior, and informed consultations to occur with all Chumash bands (federally and non-federally recognized) and for PLAs to be implemented in order to ensure safe and dignified and well-paying union jobs in much needed projects like the building of renewable energy.

Signed:

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