



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: March 24, 2020
Placement: Set hearing on March
24, 2020 for March 31,
2020
Estimated Tme: 1 hr. on March 31, 2020
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, Director, Planning and Development
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Contact Info: John Zorovich, Deputy Director, Energy & Minerals Division
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SUBJECT: Set hearing to Consider George and Cheryl Bedford Appeal of the Planning
Commission Preliminary Design Review Approval of the Strauss Wind Energy
Project, Case Nos. 20APL-00000-00008 and 18BAR-00000-00113; Third and
Fourth Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

On March 24, 2020, set a hearing for March 31, 2020 to consider the appeal (Case No. 20APL-00000-00008), filed by George and Cheryl Bedford, of the County Planning Commission's February 26, 2020 action granting Preliminary Design Review approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project (Case No. 18BAR-00000-00113).

On March 31, 2020, staff recommends that your Board take the following actions:

- a. Deny the appeal, Case No. 20APL-00000-00008;
- b. Make the required findings for approval of the project (Case No. 18BAR-00000-00113), including California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings;
- c. After considering the environmental document prepared and adopted for the SWEP (Certified Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report 18EIR-00000-00001/SCH#2018071002), including the Final SEIR Revision Letter dated November 12, 2019, determine that, as reflected in the CEQA findings (included as Attachment 1 to the Board Letter for the March 31, 2020 Board hearing), Preliminary Design Review approval of the SWEP is within the scope of 18EIR-00000-

00001 and the Final SEIR Revision, and no additional environmental review is required pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162;

- d. Grant *de novo* Preliminary Design Review approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project, (Case No. 18BAR-00000-00113).

Summary Text:

The analysis of the issues raised on appeal will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the March 31, 2020 hearing.

Special Instructions:

The Planning & Development Department shall fulfill all noticing requirements. The notice shall appear in the Santa Barbara News Press and Lompoc Record and mailed to neighboring property owners and interested parties. A minute order of the hearing shall be forwarded to the Planning and Development Department, Planner, Attention: Kathy Pfeifer.

Attachments:

Attachments associated with this agenda item will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the March 31, 2020 hearing.

Authored by:

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