County of Santa Barbara

Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding Juarez, Adam and Farley, LLP on behalf of George and Cheryl Bedford; Adams, Broadwell, Joseph and Cardozo, LLP on behalf of Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy; and California Native Plant Society Appeals of the Strauss Wind Energy Project Conditional Use Permit and Variance, Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00033, 19APL-00000-00034, 19APL-00000-00035, 16CUP-00000-00031, and 18VAR-00000-00002; Third and Fourth Districts, as follows: (EST. TIME: 3 HR.)

a) Deny the appeals, Case Nos. 19APL-00000-00033, 19APL-00000-00034 and 19APL-00000-00035;

b) Make the required findings for approval of the project as specified including CEQA findings;

c) Certify the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) 18EIR-00000-00001; SCH No. 2018071002 included as Attachment 3 of the January 14, 2020 Set Hearing Board Letter for these appeals, and the Final SEIR Revision Letter No. 1 dated November 12, 2019 (Attachment 4 of the January 14, 2020 Set Hearing Board Letter for these appeals), after considering the Final EIR for the Lompoc Wind Energy Project (06EIR-00000-00004; SCH No. 2006071008), and adopt the mitigation monitoring program contained in the conditions of approval (Attachment B, Condition 93 of the Planning Commission Action Letter dated November 22, 2019 included as Attachment 1 of the January 14, 2020 Set Hearing Board Letter for these appeals); and

d) Grant de novo approval of the Strauss Wind Energy Project (16CUP-00000-00031 and 18VAR-00000-00002), consisting of the Modified Project Layout and Alternative Surface Transportation Route, that combines two alternatives set forth in the Final SEIR and Final SEIR Revision Letter No. 1 dated November 12, 2019, subject to the conditions of approval included in Attachment B of the November 22, 2019 Planning Commission Action Letter included as Attachment 1 of the January 14, 2020 Set Hearing Board Letter for these appeals.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY