

## Project Environmental Review

Following public disclosure of what most reviewers have considered to be a deeply flawed and deliberately rushed Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), there was an enormous outpouring of public comments, evidence and analysis.

As of the time of posting this notice (6/27/2019), it is not clear what the County Planning staff or the Planning Commission will do next with the massive industrial-utility scale "Humboldt Wind" power generation project application.

Almost all the comments we have reviewed (over 1,000 pages) raised the following issues:

that the DEIR...

- is premature, incomplete, inaccurate;
- failed to include for public review a vast array of mandatory substantive information, itself essential:
  - to evaluate the level of reasonably foreseeable adverse environmental impacts to be caused by the project; and
  - to tailor mitigation necessary to minimize that level of impact to less-than-significant.

At this point in the CEQA process, the Planning department should be carefully examining the many substantive comments and technical opinions, legal analyses and agency, citizen and organization objections to the adequacy and completeness of the DEIR.

These materials are all "public record documents," and they have begun to circulate among interested and affected parties, public agencies and news organizations. Eventually, in the face of Public Records Act (PRA) requests from various parties, the comments will be published by the County on its web site. We will reflect that information here when it comes to us.

Until that time most of these materials can be found on relevant web sites, and many can be obtained from the Scotia Community Services District, the Town of Scotia, City of Rio Dell, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, etc.

Several of the comment packages filed by the entities just described are posted here on the Town of Scotia.com web page in the NEWS tab. We recommend a review of those materials and information sources to those interested in the environmental review process. From time to time we will publish notes or other recommendations to help focus that review.