

PUBLIC COMMENT 3.26.21 - PRESENT

For Planning Commission Agenda of:
April 1, 2021

<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued Hearing Item
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing Item No. H.1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business

Re: Hatchery Road Solar Project
Case Number PLN-2020-16320
Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 313-091-019, 313-091-020
Hatchery Road, Blue Lake area

Attached for the Planning Commission's record and review is the following supplementary information:

1. Public comments received since staff report was published March 26, 2021, including:

Sierra Club
Cathy Chandler-Klein
Lyndsey Brydon
Kathryn Travers
RCEA



3/18/21

RE: Blue Lake Solar Project

Dear Planning Commission,

The Executive Committee of the North Group Sierra Club representing 1467 members in Del Norte, Humboldt, Western Siskiyou and Trinity Counties has voted to support the solar project in Blue Lake. This project has very few significant impacts and the County agrees that all of them can be mitigated to insignificance. It is also consistent with President Biden's goals, Governor Newsome goals, Humboldt County's goals (zero emissions by 2025) and the National, Chapter, and North Group Sierra Club's goals to reach net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible.

Given the climate crisis that the world and Humboldt Country faces, it is imperative that each individual, group, and government agency act now to do what we can to stave off the worst effects of the global warming. The clock is no longer ticking, it has run out. The planning commission has the power to make a significant impact in reducing Humboldt County's (and thus the world's) carbon emissions by approving this project. The members of the North Group Sierra Club urge you to take this important step to protect our, our children's, and the planets' future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gregg Gold". The script is fluid and cursive.

Gregg Gold, Ph.D.
Chair, North Group Sierra Club

Dorris, Joshua

From: Cathy Chandler-Klein <chandlerkleinmft@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Blue Lake Hatchery Solar

I am writing in strong support of the proposed Blue Lake solar array project. I understand the concerns of the neighbors but the urgent need to provide clean energy is paramount and this is a good project.

- 1.The developers tried to find industrial land for several years and could not.
- 2.The landowners want to lease to the solar developers. It will protect their land from other more noxious uses
- 3.The studies show that, contrary to concern, noise will not be an issue
- 4.We will view the panels but I prefer that to the cars lined up on the road
- 5.If we do not act urgently on clean energy, our local community will be devastated by wildfires, rising seas, ocean acidification. We are running out of time to act.
- 6.Solar, sheep and bees-sounds like a winner to me.

Thank you,

Cathy Chandler-Klein
Arcata resident

Dorris, Joshua

From: Lynsey E Brydon <leb92@humboldt.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Dorris, Joshua
Subject: Hatchery Road Solar Project Letter of support

Hello,
My name is Lynsey and I'm a Humboldt State student in the Environmental Science and Management department. I support Humboldt County's move to providing more green energy opportunities to its residence and think the Hatchery Road Solar Project would be a great opportunity. With the addition of possible Honey Bee or agriculture use I think this dual use of land would be of great benefit to our community and environment. Green energy projects like the Hatchery Road project are important for continuing the process of making Humboldt County less fossil fuel dependent.

Sincerely,
Lynsey Brydon

Dorris, Joshua

From: Kathryn Travers <travers6271@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Planning Clerk
Subject: Solar project in Blue Lake

Hi!

I am contacting you regarding the Hatchery Road solar project in Blue Lake...sounds like a marvelous plan! The climate crisis is deadly serious! This project puts the county on track to 100% renewable electricity by the 2025 goal; the land will be shared with agriculture and under CEQA possible impacts can be mitigated to INsignificance, according to the county. I can't see any negatives. I hope this project is approved so it can be a reality very, very soon.

Thank You,
Kathryn Travers
1726 Sunny Ave.
Eureka, CA. 95501

707-444-2126



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
CURRENT PLANNING
3015 H STREET, EUREKA, CA 95501 ~ PHONE (707) 445-7245

7/27/2020

Project Referred To The Following Agencies:

Blue Lake, AG Commissioner, County Counsel, Environmental Health, PW Land Use, Building Inspections, Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, Cal Fish & Wildlife, Bear River Band, Blue Lake Rancheria, NWIC, Wiyot Tribe, PGE, Other: Redwood Coast Energy Authority

Applicant Name Renewable Properties **Key Parcel Number** 313-091-019-000

Application (APPS#) PLN-2020-16320 **Assigned Planner** Joshua Dorris 707-268-3779

Please review the above project and provide comments with any recommended conditions of approval. To help us log your response accurately, please include a copy of this form with your correspondence.

Questions concerning this project may be directed to the assigned planner for this project between 8:30am and 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

County Zoning Ordinance allows up to 15 calendar days for a response. If no response or extension request is received by the response date, processing will proceed as proposed.

☐ If this box is checked, please return large format maps with your response.

Return Response No Later Than: 8/11/2020

Planning Clerk
County of Humboldt Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Email: PlanningClerk@co.humboldt.ca.us **Fax:** (707) 268 - 3792

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

- ☒ Recommend Approval. The department has no comment at this time.
- ☐ Recommend Conditional Approval. Suggested conditions attached.
- ☐ Applicant needs to submit additional information. List of items attached.
- ☐ Recommend Denial. Attach reasons for recommended denial.

Other Comments: _____

DATE: 7/30/2020 PRINT NAME: Mahayla Slackereff



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority



July 30, 2020

BOARD OF
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Dear Joshua Dorris,

Michael Winkler
CITY OF ARCATA

Please find the request for comments form for the Hatchery Road Solar project enclosed with this letter. As indicated by the form, Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) would like to recommend approval of this project. However, please note that the documents included with the requests for comments form indicate that this project has a power purchase agreement with RCEA for four megawatts of solar generation. **We are in contract with this project for two megawatts of solar generation.** It is my understanding that the total project is limited to two megawatts.

Chris Curran
CITY OF BLUE LAKE

Austin Allison
CITY OF EUREKA

Stephen Avis
CITY OF FERNDALE

The project in question is a part our Feed-in Tariff program, which has been designed to encourage renewable energy generation in Humboldt County.

Dean Glaser
CITY OF FORTUNA

Thank you for reaching out to us for comment. Please let me know if you have any questions about our response or engagement.

Sheri Woo
HUMBOLDT BAY
MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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