RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Resolution Number 19-134

Record No. PLN-13999-CUP Assessor Parcel Numbers: 102-132-004 et al.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission makes the required findings for denial of the Humboldt Wind Energy Project Permit request.

WHEREAS, On May 29, 2018 Humboldt Wind, LLC submitted an application requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit for a 155 MW wind energy project; and

WHEREAS, An Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 201872076) was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the project and identified significant unavoidable impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources and cultural and tribal cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on the matter before the Humboldt County Planning Commission on November 7, 2019, November 14 2019, and November 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, at these public hearings staff presented a statement of overriding considerations for the significant and unavoidable impacts detailing statewide, local and regional environmental benefits, economic benefits, resource benefits, and benefits to the knowledge base;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission expressed concerns that the benefits of the project do not outweigh the impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved, determined, and ordered by the Humboldt County Planning Commission that:

- 1. The benefits of the project do not outweigh the significant unavoidable impacts.
- 2. Conditional Use Permit and Special Permit Record No. PLN-13999-CUP is denied.

Adopted after review and consideration of all the evidence on November 21, 2019.

The motion was made by Commissioner McCavour and seconded by Commissioner O'Neill.

AYES:

Commissioners Levy, Bongio, McCavour and O'Neill

NOES:

Commissioners: Newman and Morris

ABSENT:

Commissioner: Mitchell

DECISION: Motion carries 4/2

I, John Ford, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the County of Humboldt, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the action taken on the above entitled matter by said Commission at a meeting held on the date noted above.

John Ford

Director, Planning and Building Department