

ATTACHMENT 1

FINDINGS

Ordinance OR10-0002/Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Planning Commission/September 9, 2010

Based on the review and analysis of this project by staff and affected agencies, and supported by discussion in the staff report and evidence in the record, the following findings should be made:

1.0 CEQA Findings

- 1.1 El Dorado County has considered the Negative Declaration together with the comments received during the public review process. The Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment of the Board of Supervisors and has been completed in compliance with CEQA and is adequate for this proposal.
- 1.2 No significant impacts to the environment as a result of this project were identified in the initial study.
- 1.3 The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Development Services Department - Planning Services at 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA, 95667.

2.0 General Plan Findings

- 2.1 The proposed ordinance amendment is consistent with applicable General Plan policies under Implementation Measure PS-O encouraging “energy efficient site development and construction.” Policy 2.2.5.21, which resulted from General Plan Mitigation Measure 5.6-6 and, by reference 5.1-3(b), addressing in general, electric energy generating facilities and, in particular, wind energy conversion facilities, requires development projects that are potentially incompatible with existing adjoining uses to be “designed in a manner that avoids any incompatibility.” The regulations and standards under the draft ordinance as well as the requirement for discretionary review and approval for WECS of a certain rated capacity will ensure consistency with this policy in reducing impacts to existing adjoining land uses to less than significant.

3.0 California Government Code

- 3.1 Adoption of the draft ordinance to regulate the use of an alternative, sustainable “green” electric energy facility will support state policy and regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing “greenhouse gas” emissions by utilizing small wind energy conversion systems under Government Code Section 65893 et seq.