

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2010082063

Project Title: Sand Hill Wind Project

Lead Agency: County of Alameda Contact Person: Andrew Young
 Mailing Address: 224 W. Winton Avenue Suite 110 Phone: 510.670.5400
 City: Hayward Zip: 94544 County: Alameda

Project Location: County: Alameda City/Nearest Community: Livermore
 Cross Streets: Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area Zip Code: 94551

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 45 ' 31.53 " N / 121 ° 36 ' 16.11 " W Total Acres: approx. 2,600

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple (15 parcels). See attached Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-580 Waterways: Bethany Reservoir, California Aqueduct, Delta-Mendota Canal
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: Mt. House & Bethany Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) 2010082063 Other: _____
 Early Cons NEPA: NOI EA Other: Joint Document Final Document
 Neg Dec Draft EIS Other: _____
 Mit Neg Dec FONSI

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

AUG 09 2019

Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type Wind farm MW 144.5
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agriculture/Large Parcel Agriculture

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

State Clearinghouse Contact: 
 (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 8 - 9 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 9 - 23 - 2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Cal EPA
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB: Airport & Freight
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Prot.	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB: Transportation Projects
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Comm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl.& Recovery
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Rvr Bd	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr # _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDFW # <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cal Fire	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Wtr Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Wtr Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Rec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reg. WQCB # <u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay Cons & Dev Comm.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DWR	Yth/Adlt Corrections

CalSTA
 Aeronautics
 CHP
 Caltrans # 4
 Trans Planning
Other
 Education
 Food & Agriculture
 HCD
 OES
State/Consumer Svcs
 General Services

Independent Comm
 Delta Protection Comm
 Delta Stewardship Council
 Energy Commission
 NAHC
 Public Utilities Comm
 Santa Monica Bay Restoration
 State Lands Comm
 Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
 Conservancy
 Other: _____

Please note State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) on all Comments

SCH#: 2010082063

Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

AQMD/APCD 2

(Resources: 8 / 10)

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Office of the Attorney General</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August 9, 2019 Ending Date September 23, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>ICF</u>	Applicant: <u>sPower/Sand Hill Wind, LLC</u>
Address: <u>980 9th Street, Suite 1200</u>	Address: <u>2180 South 1300 East, Suite 600</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA, 95814</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Salt Lake City, UT 84106</u>
Contact: <u>Sally Zeff</u>	Phone: <u>415.692.7727</u>
Phone: <u>916.737.3000</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 9 Aug 2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Sand Hill Wind Project - Project Description

The County of Alameda (County) prepared a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to examine the environmental effects of the Sand Hill Wind Repowering Project (Project). The Project area is located within the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA) in eastern Alameda County.

Environmental review of the Project under CEQA began with the publication in September 2018 of an Environmental Analysis (EA) with supporting technical information intended to identify site-specific Project effects pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, providing for use of a Program EIR with later activities. The County had previously approved three wind repowering projects that had been tiered under similar documentation. However, after receiving comments on the EA in advance of a public hearing to consider approving the Project on such basis, the County decided to prepare this SEIR based on its determination that the current Project proposes turbines with characteristics sufficiently distinct from those described in the PEIR and is proposed in the context of new information that together support the decision to prepare a subsequent EIR.

The Project is proposed on 15 privately-owned parcels (see parcel list in table below) and would entail installation of up to 40 new wind turbines, utilizing turbines with generating capacities of between 2.3 and 4.0 megawatts (MW) each, all generally similar in size and appearance, to develop up to 144.5 MW of generating capacity. The Project is proposed as a Conditional Use Permit (Alameda County Planning case PLN2017-00201) and is reviewed in the SEIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162, as a project tiered under the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area Repowering Program EIR (PEIR), which the County of Alameda certified in December 2014.

Parcels and Proposed Uses

Assessor's Parcel Number	Acreage	Proposed Use
99B-7750-6	101	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-6325-1-4	69	Access and setback
99B-6325-1-3	224	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7375-1-7	314	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7400-1-5	598	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7300-1-5	443	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7050-4-6	73	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7050-1-9	82	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7050-4-1	27	Access and setback
99B-7350-2-1	2	Access and setback
99B-7350-2-15	334	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7350-2-5	57	Access and setback
99B-7500-3-2	53	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7500-3-1	113	Wind turbines and associated facilities
99B-7600-1-1	105	Wind turbines and associated facilities
Total	2,595	