

## REDDING RANCHERIA TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION #023-03-19-19

- **SUBJECT:** Redding Rancheria Opposition to the Fountain Wind Project (Use Permit 16-007).
- WHEREAS: Redding Rancheria is a sovereign nation with a Tribal membership that includes individuals of Madesi Band descent;
- WHEREAS: Redding Rancheria is federally recognized by the United States and is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Redding Rancheria, adopted by the Tribe on December 30, 1989 (the "Constitution"); and
- **WHEREAS:** The Constitution, at Article IV, Section 1, provides that the governing body of the Tribe is the Tribal Council;
- WHEREAS: Tribal Council previously supported the Pit River Tribe's opposition to the Hatchet Ridge Windmill Farm in Tribal Council Resolution #055-06-09-09; and
- WHEREAS: The Pit River Tribe has taken a firm public stand in opposition to the development of the Fountain Wind Project (the "Project") through its official comments dated February 14, 2019; and
- WHEREAS: Pacific Wind Development, LLC, intends to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Project in close proximity to the sacred Mountain Yet-Tey-Cha-Na, which is located in Lassen National Park and has important cultural and environmental significance to the Pit River Tribe and other Indians of Madesi Band descent, including Redding Rancheria Tribal membership; and
- WHEREAS: The development of the Project, which would consist of up to 100 wind turbines and associated infrastructure and facilities, including transformers, lay-down areas, access roads, underground and overhead collector lines, an operation and maintenance building, and substation components, would introduce large-scale fragmenting and unsightly industrial elements into this natural area valued for its beauty, uniqueness, silence and purity; and

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WHEREAS: The sacred Mountain Yet-Tey-Cha-Na and its surrounding areas are vital to the spiritual way of life of the Pit River Tribe and other Indians of Madesi Band descent, including Redding Rancheria Tribal membership, as a place of power, prayer, vision, healing and renewal, and it is of supreme importance to preserve the sacred Mountain Yet-Tey-Cha-Na and all its forests, animals and plant; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the responsibility as Indigenous People, given to us by the Creator, to be the caretakers of the Mother Earth, Redding Rancheria unequivocally supports the Pit River Tribe's opposition to the Project, which presents an imminent threat to the values of Redding Rancheria Tribe and its members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT: Redding Rancheria does hereby urge the Shasta County Board of Supervisors to deny Use Permit 16-007 and move forward with a "No Project Alternative" that includes No Use Permit and No commercial scale energy project on the proposed site.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by a vote of 6\_ for, 0\_ against and 0\_ abstentions, at a duly called meeting of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council, at which a quorum was present, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Chairperson, Redding Kancheria

Tribal Council

March 19,2019

Secretary, Redding Rancheria

Tribal Council