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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGULAR MEETING

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
and
USE PERMIT (U-09-06)

SHILOH III WIND ENERGY PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a **Final Environmental Impact Report** (EIR) for the proposed development of Shiloh III Wind Energy Project, a 118-megawatt (MW) wind power project with up to 59 wind turbines and associated facilities and infrastructure. Shiloh Wind Partners, LLC, has proposed the Shiloh III Wind Energy Project, which would be located on approximately 4,500 acres of private properties in the Montezuma Hills area leased for wind power development. The Project requires a Use Permit (U-09-06) from Solano County.

The Shiloh III Wind Energy Project is proposed in the wind resource area in the Montezuma Hills south of State Route (SR) 12, approximately 18 miles southeast of Fairfield and just west of Rio Vista City Limits. The Project area is characterized by gently rolling hills used for dry farming, grazing, rural residences, and wind power. Existing agricultural and residential uses would continue while the Project is in operation.

Surrounding communities include Birds Landing to the southwest, Collinsville approximately 7 miles to the south, and Rio Vista (City Limits) approximately 1/8 mile east of the closest Project boundary. The Project area properties are bordered on the north by SR 12, and on the south by the existing Shiloh I and Shiloh II wind energy facilities, the Montezuma I wind energy facility, which is currently under construction, and undeveloped conservation lands managed by the Solano Land Trust. Other existing wind energy facilities in the Project vicinity include High Winds, enXco V, and SMUD-Solano 1 and 2. The Project area is generally east of Shiloh Road and Collinsville Road, and immediately west of the Rio Vista City Limits. Primary access to the Project area is from SR 12, and direct access to Project facilities would be provided at Little Honker Bay Road, Olsen Road, Birds Landing Road, Currie Road, Azevedo Road, Emigh Road, and Montezuma Hills Road.

The County of Solano is the Lead Agency in the preparation of the EIR. The EIR examines the significant environmental effects of the Shiloh III Wind Energy Project and alternatives and/or mitigation measures to reduce or avoid any significant impacts identified. For the Project, the EIR concludes that there could be significant adverse environmental effects in the areas of aesthetics/visual resources, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geologic resources, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use, noise, public services and utilities, safety, and transportation. Mitigation measures are identified to reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level, except for certain impacts related to aesthetics/visual, air quality, biological resources and cumulative impacts, for which there is no effective mitigation. As identified in the EIR, impacts from the proposed Shiloh III Wind

Energy Project would be significant even after implementation of mitigation measures on air quality, biological resources, and visual/aesthetic resources.

The Draft EIR was published for a 45-day public review and comment period from June 11, 2010, to July 26, 2010, and circulated by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse Planning Unit (SCH#: 2009122009). The Final EIR has been prepared to respond to comments received during that review period. The Final EIR is being made available for review more than 10 days prior to consideration by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission must certify the EIR as a complete, accurate, and objective analysis prior to taking action on the application for use permit. Responsible and trustee agencies will need to use the EIR prepared by the County when considering approvals they may grant related to the Project during any subsequent regulatory permitting.

The Solano County Planning Commission will convene a public hearing to review and consider certification of the Final EIR, adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approval of the Use Permit (U-09-06) for the Project. The public is welcome to attend and comment on the Project. The hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4, 2010, at the Solano County Board of Supervisors Chambers, First Floor, Solano County Administration Center, 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

If you decide to challenge the action of the County in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at or prior to the final public hearing on the Project.

Please submit any requests for a copy of the Final EIR (indicate preference for paper or CD copy) and your written comments to:

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Please include your name, address, and telephone number with your response.

Effective October 8, 2010, copies of the Final EIR can be reviewed and obtained at the **Department of Resource Management, 675 Texas Street, Suite 5500, Fairfield**. A copy can also be viewed online at the following website: www.solanocounty.com, and reviewed at the following local libraries:

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street
Fairfield

Suisun City Library
601 Pintail Drive
Suisun City

Rio Vista Library
44 South Second Street
Rio Vista