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Ian Fisher, California Public Utilities Commission
Greg Thomsen, Bureau of Land Management c/o Dudek
605 Third Street

Re: Proposed Tule Wind Power Project

Dear Bureau of Land Management and California Public Utilities Commission:

I am a 47 year resident of San Diego County, and I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS for the Tule Wind project.

The McCain Valley has been studied and shown to be a rare and valuable wind resource. Despite the arguments that have been submitted against this project, I feel confident that the mitigation measures proposed in the EIR will address the issues of concern. I ask you to support the State of California and its commitment to renewable energy and I ask you to keep the Tule Wind Power Project at its currently proposed size.

Renewable energy is critical to meeting San Diego's growing power demands and long-term energy concerns. Wind energy is a free and unlimited resource. This project will help California commit to clean energy, reach its renewable energy goals, lower our dependence on imports of natural gas, oil and other fuels, and reduce smog and greenhouse gas pollution. Less than two percent of the land in the Tule Wind Power Project area will be used for actual wind power production, leaving the land free for existing recreational uses.

The Tule Wind Power Project will reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 250,000 tons per year, making our air cleaner and reducing our impact on climate change. As with any wind farm, less than two percent of the land in the wind project area will be used for actual wind power production, leaving the land free for existing recreational uses. When completed, the Tule Wind Power Project will provide renewable energy to power more than 60,000 San Diego area homes. It is estimated this project will bring \$5 million annually to county revenues and create over 300 much-needed jobs during construction and 12 permanent jobs for local residents.

We must commit to renewable energy now to reach and sustain California's renewable energy goals. We cannot afford to delay bringing jobs, revenue and responsible renewable energy sources to our communities.

As a resident of San Diego County, these issues are important to me and my family. I urge you to certify the EIR/EIS and allow the Tule Wind Power Project to proceed as proposed. The impacts to our community will be far greater if this does not move forward.

Sincerely,



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