



County of Santa Barbara
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND HEARING ON
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED LOMPOC WIND ENERGY PROJECT
(SCH# 2006071008; County Case # 06EIR-00000-00004)**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Renewable Energy Generation LLC, a subsidiary of Acciona Wind Energy USA LLC, proposes to construct a wind-powered electrical generation facility south of the City of Lompoc.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located on 10 parcels adjacent to San Miguelito road near its southern terminus, from 3525 to 5555 San Miguelito Road, APN #s 083-080-004, 083-090-001, 083-090-002, 083-090-003, 083-100-004, 083-100-008, 083-250-011, 083-250-019, 083-090-004, 083-100-007, in the Lompoc area, 3rd Supervisorial District. The proposed power line would run on or adjacent to 60 parcels along San Miguelito Road between 4026 and 1259 San Miguelito Road, from there to Highway 1 near the Lompoc City limit, and in the City of Lompoc along Highway 1 and 12th Street between Highway 246 and Laurel Avenue. The APN #s of the parcels along the proposed route are as follows: 083-010-051 to 054; 083-030-005, 006, 010 to 013, 027, 031, 035, 039, 044, 052, 057; 083-040-001 to 005; 083-050-001 to 019; 083-060-013 to 017; 083-080-003, 005; 083-100-003, 004; 083-110-002, 003, 007, 008, 012; 085-360-007; 085-421-036; 085-433-022; 099-141-022, 029; 099-520-006, 015, 016.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to requirements of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D has prepared an EIR for the proposed project due to the potential for unavoidable, significant adverse effects to result from project implementation. The EIR prepared for the project identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, residual impacts and monitoring requirements for identified subject areas. Significant effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **Aesthetic/Visual Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Fire Hazards and Emergency Services, Geology/Soils, Land Use, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Risk/Safety, Traffic/Circulation, and Water Resources.** Implementation of mitigation measures proposed by the Applicant and contained in the project description, and additional mitigation measures proposed by P&D, would reduce the environmental effects to less than significant, except for effects on **Visual Resources** and **Biological Resources**, which would be significant and unavoidable. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. This reevaluation will be subject to all regular fees and conditions. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP: Santa Barbara County P&D will hold an informal workshop to present an overview of the Draft EIR and answer questions from the public. The workshop will be held on:

DATE: AUGUST 6, 2007

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

LOCATION: LOMPOC CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, LOMPOC, CA

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT: Santa Barbara County P&D is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the analysis and proposed mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR. You may comment by providing testimony at the public hearing on:

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2007

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

LOCATION: LOMPOC CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, LOMPOC, CA

and/or submitting written or oral comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on September 4, 2007, at 5 p.m.

PROJECT DETAILS: The proposed project is a commercial wind energy facility located on private agricultural properties adjacent to San Miguelito Road. A new power line would be constructed by PG&E from the project site to the southeast corner of Lompoc, where it would tie into an existing power line near PG&E's Cabrillo Substation. The project proposes 60-80 wind turbine generators, 315-492 feet high, which would generate a total of 80-120 megawatts of electricity. The project would include new onsite gravel access roads and widening and improvement of existing farm roads, an operations and maintenance building, a new onsite electrical substation, electrical lines, and other ancillary facilities. The project would be constructed in up to three phases, the first of which would generate approximately 82.5 megawatts of electricity.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft EIR may be obtained or reviewed at Planning & Development offices located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara or 624 Foster Road, Suite C, Santa Maria. Draft documents are also available for review at the following public libraries: Lompoc (501 E. North Ave.), Santa Maria (420 S. Broadway), Vandenberg Village (3755 Constellation Rd.), Goleta Branch Library (500 N. Fairview Ave.), Santa Barbara (40 E. Anapamu St.), and UCSB Library. The Draft EIR may also be viewed from the Energy Division website at:

<http://www.countyofsb.org/energy/projects/LompWindEnergy.asp>. The administrative draft of the EIR and P&D's formal comments to the preparer are also available for review at our offices.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to John Day at Santa Barbara County P&D, Energy Division, 123 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101; (805) 568-2045; fax: (805) 568-2522; email: jday@co.santa-barbara.ca.us prior to the close of public comment on **September 4, 2007** at 5 p.m. or provide testimony at the public hearing on the date and time specified above. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public decision maker hearings to consider the project.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the public workshop or hearing, please contact Hearing Support Staff (805) 568-2000. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable Hearing Support Staff to make reasonable arrangements.