

AUGUST 25, 2015

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN, COMMENT ON THE CURRENT PERMUTATION OF THE LCPA. ALSO, MY THANKS TO THE CDA STAFF FOR RETAINING THE EXCLUSION OF WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS (WECS) AS "AGRICULTURAL ACCESSORIES" IN THE COASTAL ZONE.

WE REQUEST THAT C-EN-4, C-EN-4 a AND b, C-EN-5 AND C-EN-6, IN THE ENERGY SECTION OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, AMENDMENT 1 (PAGE 87, PARAGRAPH 5) BE STRICKEN FROM THE LCPA. THE LANGUAGE IN THE LAST SENTENCE IN C-EN-6, EXEMPTS MAJOR ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS FROM ALL THE PRECEEDING RESTRICTIONS AND BASICALLY NEGATES ALL THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN THE ENERGY SECTION OF THE LCPA.

ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT COUNTY OR COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF CONSULTED WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE OF THE ABOVE EXEMPTION WITH FEDERAL STATUTES, SUCH AS THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT (MBTA), THE BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLE PROTECTION ACT (BGEPA) OR POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO SALMONOIDE FISHES FOR EXAMPLE.

IN CONCLUSION, PLEASE DO NOT ADOPT THE ACCOMPANING RESOLUTION. THIS LCPA, AS PRESENTED HERE, IS INADAQUATE AND NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


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PLANNER