

TO: All the folks on the Marin County Planning Commission as well as the Marin County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to provide a source of information concerning WECS and the wasteful assault by the Wind industry on Marin County and the rest of the state of California in general. I am including links to the latest data, which was only released just last month by the EIA, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The information I will be commenting on as well as additional information can be found here at...

<http://eia.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/glossary.html>  
and/or at ...<http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/>

I have added two tables representing the "value" the Wind industry has been in California for 2010 and 2011.

It has been a daunting task trying to apprise the decision makers and influential parties in the updating and amendment project concerning the LCP and the subsequent recommendations for the California Coastal Commission. Despite all the work done by groups like the EAC of Marin, West Marin / Sonoma Coastal Advocates, and many others, there is a resistance to acknowledging that WECS don't belong here and there is absolutely no merit to further consideration. There is a manufacturer of the turbine blades in Pt. Reyes who has come out against WECS in Marin, reinforcing what Supervisor Kinsey has stated on multiple occasions, there is no resource here for large, much less commercial or industrial, scale WECS. They need a yearly average wind speed of 15 mph to provide even a measurable amount of electricity. Look at the charts and tables provided by the EIA, for the entire US. Isn't it interesting that the Wind industry gets no real attention ?. You will see in table 3.1.B that Wind represented about 37.7% of the total power generated by "Other Renewable Sources" from 2001 thru 2011. Only in this tabulation is Wind energy actually referenced separately, hereon, it is combined with the category of "Other Renewable Sources". The NET Generation by Energy Source, within the Electrical Utilities sector, for the period 2001 thru 2011, for "Other Renewable Sources" was 0.004% of the total. The share of that rather disgraceful amount for that 10 year range attributed to Wind is 37.7% of that 0.004% and is **0.135%. YES, just over one tenth of 1%**, on a national scale. Since 2010 the Wind energy industry was able to struggle by on just over \$10 Billion, in subsidies alone, aside from tax benefits. The sole purpose of this industry is to abscond all the funds they can from the well intentioned monies earmarked for developing renewable energy. They have not performed and have only disguised their total lack of productivity behind terms like "capacity". Capacity is meaningless unless it is attainable. Capacity is akin to the indications you see on automobile speedometers for their maximum speed. The car in your garage has a maximum speed, an "installed capacity", of maybe 120 mph, or more. Can you get in it and do that ? NO, not any more than the overly touted "installed capacity" of WECS can. In fact, the "capacity factor" of WECS, about 35%, is the same as it is for your car, about 35% of your car's "installed capacity". The absolute truth here is the Wind industry has been defrauding \$Billions from taxpayers in a ruse to make a handful of developers and investors rich at the expense of this country's environment, its wildlife, and the scenic values of the landscape. By any and all measures a vile and veritably criminal act. Do the decision makers of Marin County want to share in the responsibility for this devastation ?. You owe it to those you are representing now, and all those you will be impacting in the future, to be extremely prudent with the precious environment of Marin County. Given what your intentions seem to be it does not appear you have educated yourselves to this folly. Are you benefiting from this assault in other than a moral way ? The truth will surface soon enough, and there will be an accountability, who will cleanup the mess ?. Can you be that gullible ? You have a very serious decision to make that can leave you with a legacy you can be proud of, or disgraced by. There was an enormous effort, logically, afforded the entire process of amending and updating the LCP. There will be a tremendous consequence to the enactment of this monumental development framework for Marin County, along with significant implications for all of California. **Please**, you must be extremely careful.

Most respectfully,

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**Table 3.1.B. Net Generation by Other Renewable Sources: Total (All Sectors), 2001 - 2011**

(Thousand Megawatthours)

Period	Wind	Solar Thermal and Photovoltaic	Wood and Wood-Derived Fuels	Geothermal	Other Biomass	Total (Other Renewable Sources)
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Annual Totals						
2001	6,737	543	35,200	13,741	14,548	70,769
2002	10,354	555	38,665	14,491	15,044	79,109
2003	11,187	534	37,529	14,424	15,812	79,487
2004	14,144	575	38,117	14,811	15,421	83,067
2005	17,811	550	38,856	14,692	15,420	87,329
2006	26,589	508	38,762	14,568	16,099	96,525
2007	34,450	612	39,014	14,637	16,525	105,238
2008	55,363	864	37,300	14,840	17,734	126,101
2009	73,886	891	36,050	15,009	18,443	144,279
2010	94,652	1,212	37,172	15,219	18,917	167,173
2011	120,177	1,818	37,449	15,316	19,222	193,981

465,350

1,233,058

**37.740% = net generation by Wind from 2001 to 2011 of total of OTHER RENEWABLE SOURCES**

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-923, Power Plant Operations Report; U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-906, Power Plant Report; U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-920 Combined Heat and Power Plant Report; and predecessor forms.

Beginning with 2008 data, the Form EIA-923, Power Plant Operations Report, replaced the following: Form EIA-906, Power Plant Report; Form EIA-920, Combined Heat and Power Plant Report;

Form EIA-423, Monthly Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants Report; and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC Form 423, Monthly Report of Cost and Quality of Fuels for Electric Plants.

**Table 3.2.A. Net Generation by Energy Source: Electric Utilities, 2001 - 2011**

(Thousand Megawatthours)

Period	Coal	Petroleum Liquids	Petroleum Coke	Natural Gas	Other Gas	Nuclear	Hydroelectric Conventional	Other Renewable Sources	Hydroelectric Pumped Storage	Other	Total
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Annual Totals											
2001	1,560,146	74,729	4,179	264,434	--	534,207	197,804	1,666	-7,704	486	2,629,946
2002	1,514,670	52,838	6,286	229,639	206	507,380	242,302	3,089	-7,434	480	2,549,457
2003	1,500,281	62,774	7,156	186,967	243	458,829	249,622	3,421	-7,532	519	2,462,281
2004	1,513,641	62,196	11,498	199,662	374	475,682	245,546	3,692	-7,526	467	2,505,231
2005	1,484,855	58,572	11,150	238,204	10	436,296	245,553	4,945	-5,383	643	2,474,846
2006	1,471,421	31,269	9,634	282,088	30	425,341	261,864	6,588	-5,281	700	2,483,656
2007	1,490,985	33,325	7,395	313,785	141	427,555	226,734	8,953	-5,328	586	2,504,131
2008	1,466,395	22,206	5,918	320,190	46	424,256	229,645	11,308	-5,143	545	2,475,367
2009	1,322,092	18,035	7,182	349,166	96	417,275	247,198	14,617	-3,369	483	2,372,776
2010	1,378,028	17,258	8,807	392,616	52	424,843	236,104	17,927	-4,466	462	2,471,632
2011	1,301,107	11,688	9,428	414,843	29	415,298	291,413	21,933	-5,298	604	2,461,045

98,139

27,390,368

SO WIND is ??

37037

or

37.74%

of Other Renewables

37037 / 27390368 =

0.1352 %

The TOTAL NET generation from Wind was **0.135%** = in TOTAL, from 2001 thru 2011

## Total Electricity System Power

### 2010 Total System Power in Gigawatt Hours

Fuel Type	California In-State Generation (GWh)	Percent of California In-State Generation	Northwest Imports (GWh)	Southwest Imports (GWh)	California Power Mix (GWh)	Percent California Power Mix
Coal	3,406	1.70%	783	18,236	22,424	7.70%
Large Hydro	29,861	14.60%	-	1,333	31,194	10.80%
Natural Gas	109,481	53.40%	1,330	10,625	121,436	41.90%
Nuclear	32,214	15.70%	-	8,211	40,426	13.90%
Oil	52	0.00%	-	-	52	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%	-	-	0	0.00%
Renewables	30,005	14.60%	7,586	2,205	39,796	13.70%
Biomass	5,745	2.80%	1,149	-	6,894	2.40%
Geothermal	12,740	6.20%	-	673	13,413	4.60%
Small Hydro	4,441	2.20%	554	-	4,995	1.70%
Solar	908	0.40%	-	51	959	0.30%
<b>Wind</b>	6,172	<b>3.00%</b>	5,883	1,481	13,536	<b>4.70%</b>
Unspecified Sources of Power	0	0.00%	14,978	19,881	34,859	12.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,018</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>24,677</b>	<b>60,492</b>	<b>290,187</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

100.00%

Source:

QFER and SB 1305 Reporting Requirements. In-state generation is reported generation from units 1 MW and larger

[Previous year's information \(2009 Total System Power\)](#)

## Total Electricity System Power

### 2011 Total System Power in Gigawatt Hours

Fuel Type	California In-State Generation (GWh)	Percent of California In-State Generation	Northwest Imports (GWh)	Southwest Imports (GWh)	California Power Mix (GWh)	Percent California Power Mix
Coal	3,406	1.70%	2348.966	26,612	30,800	7.70%
Large Hydro	29,861	14.60%	-	61,055	90,916	10.80%
Natural Gas	109,481	53.40%	164,570	224,623	284,676	41.90%
Nuclear	32,214	15.70%	-	72,641	104,856	13.90%
Oil	52	0.00%	-	-	-52	-0.10%
Other	0	0.00%	-	-	0	0.00%
Renewables	30,005	14.60%	48,739	64,844	80,949	13.70%
Biomass	5,745	2.80%	1,149	-	6,894	2.40%
Geothermal	12,740	6.20%	-	26153	38,893	4.60%
Small Hydro	4,441	2.20%	1661.956	-	4,995	1.70%
Solar	-907.992	0.40%	-	285.6706667	260.1721667	0.23%
<b>Wind</b>	6,172	<b>3.01%</b>	14,620	18,446	22,273	<b>4.70%</b>
Unspecified Sources of Power	0	0.00%	43,120	53,061	63,001	12.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,018</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>390,629</b>	<b>523,384</b>	<b>656,139</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

100.00%

Source:

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[Previous year's information \(2009 Total System Power\)](#)