NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING BY THE EAST COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLN2017-00201 AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST PURSUANT TO CEQA

SAND HILL WIND LLC, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLN2017-00201 ~ Application to allow repowering of an estimated 671 existing or previously existing wind energy turbine sites with up to 40 new turbines with a maximum production capacity of 144.5 megawatts (MW), using turbines rated between 2.3 and 3.8 MW (potentially up to 4.0 MW) per turbine, on fifteen (15) nearly contiguous parcels extending over approximately 2,600 acres in the eastern Altamont Pass area of Alameda County, located north and south of Altamont Pass Road between two-thirds and two miles west of Grant Line Road, east and west of Mountain House Road between one-quarter and two miles north of Grant Line Road, and southeast of the intersection of Christensen and Bruns Roads, bearing Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 99B-7750-6; 99B-6325-1-4; 99B-6325-1-3; 99B-7050-4-1: 99B-7350-2-1; 99B-7350-2-5; 99B-7500-3-2; 99B-7500-3-1; and 99B-7600-1-1.

The project is consistent with the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA) Repowering Program that was the subject of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) certified by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments on November 12, 2014, and is therefore being reviewed as a tiered project with a check-list pursuant to Section 15168(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The checklist provides a basis for affirming that the project is within the scope of the APWRA Repowering Program as defined in the PEIR and that the PEIR adequately describes the project, its activities and environmental effects for the purposes of CEQA. The checklist is intended to inform public agency decision-makers and the public generally of the significant environmental effects of the project and identify possible ways to minimize such effects. The checklist is available for public review at the offices of the Planning Department, 224 W. Winton Avenue, Room 111, Hayward, California 94544, and at the Department's website (www.acgov.org/cda/planning – see Pending Land Use Projects, Current Development Projects, Wind Turbine Projects and <u>Sand Hill Wind Project</u>.

The public hearing is scheduled on <u>Thursday, September 27, 2018, 1:30 p.m.</u>, at the City of Pleasanton Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA. All persons interested in the matter may appear and be heard at this meeting.

No decision to approve or deny the project will be made at this hearing. The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (EBZA) will take public comment on the Project proposal and the checklist and then continue the matter to its next meeting. The subsequent meeting is tentatively scheduled for <u>Thursday</u>, <u>October 11, 2018</u>, <u>1:30 p.m.</u> (same location), at which time the EBZA will refer to the checklist for the purpose of verifying that the proposal is in compliance with CEQA, and may make a decision regarding the project.

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