

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE
EAST COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS
FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLN2015-00198**

SAND HILL WIND LLC, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLN2015-00198 ~ Application to allow repowering of an estimated 433 existing wind energy turbines with up to 12 new turbines with a maximum production capacity of 36.0 megawatts (MWs; rated at 3.0 MWs per turbine), on eight parcels in three non-contiguous areas, including: four western parcels with a total area of about 450 acres located north of Interstate I-580 about half a mile west of the Grant Line Road interchange (Assessor's Parcel Numbers/APNs: 99B-7375-1-7; 99B-6325-1-3; 99B-6325-1-4; and 99B- 7750-6-0); two northeastern parcels with a total area of about 208 acres east of Mountain House Road about a third of a mile north of Grant Line Road (APNs 99B-7500-3-1 and 99B-7600-1-1); and two southeastern parcels with a total area of about 218 acres east of Midway Road roughly half a mile south of the I-580 interchange (APNs 99B-7875-1-2 and 99B 7875-1-3), in the Alameda County portion of the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area. The alternative site plan layouts could utilize seven of the eight parcels for new turbines; however, existing turbines would be decommissioned on all eight parcels.

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 checklist pursuant to Section 15168(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. 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 Sand Hill Wind Project). The East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (EBZA) will refer to the checklist for the purpose of verifying that the proposed CUP is in compliance with CEQA.

The public hearing is scheduled on **Thursday, March 24, 2015, 1:30 p.m.**, at the City of Pleasanton Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California. All persons interested in the matter may appear and be heard at this meeting. For more information, please contact Andrew Young at 510-670-5400 or andrew.young@acgov.org.