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SCH # 2013032016

Project Title: Sand Hill Wind Project

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City: Hayward Zip: 94544 County: Alameda

Project Location: County: Alameda City/Nearest Community: Livermore

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: 1,000
Assessor's Parcel No.: (Please see attached list) _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 580 bisects site Waterways: _____
Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type Wind MW4 (Initial Repower)
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Large Parcel Agriculture


Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Sand Hill Wind, LLC has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the repowering (removal and replacement) of 73 existing wind turbines equivalent to 4 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity with 40 shrouded wind turbines with a combined generating capacity of 4 MW, to assess the functionality of the new turbine design and the extent to which it could reduce impacts on birds and bats compared to the existing turbines. The project includes an avian impact validation study funded by a grant from the California Energy Commission. The CUP application is for the repower of the 40 shrouded turbines (Initial Repower); however, the EIR also programmatically evaluates the impacts of future repowering of existing turbines up to an additional 30 MW of generating capacity (Full Repower).

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 14, 2014 Ending Date March 27, 2014

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 3/13/14

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