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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY for the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT on the BOGLE WIND TURBINE PROJECT

DATE: March 2, 2017
TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals
FROM: Yolo County Community Services Department

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2015102072) for the above project is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from March 3, 2017, through April 17, 2017. Information about the proposed project is provided below.

Bogle Vineyards is proposing to construct and operate a single wind turbine that would generate 2.3 MW of electricity to be used to power the Bogle wine production facility, located at 49762 Hamilton Road, west of Jefferson Boulevard (SR 84), approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the town of Clarksburg. The wind turbine would be constructed at the southwest corner of an approximately 60-acre parcel, adjacent to the wastewater treatment ponds used by the winery, within a fenced 3,000-square foot gravel area. The main tower of the turbine would be approximately 263 feet in height, with the rotor blade extending to a height of 453 feet in the twelve o'clock position. A blinking red beacon light that meets FAA standards would be installed.

The 60-acre parcel is one of three adjacent parcels owned by the applicant (Bogle Vineyards), and is currently designated as Agriculture (AG) in the 2030 Countywide General Plan for Yolo County and zoned Agricultural Industrial (A-I)/Clarksburg Agricultural District Overlay (CADO). The adjacent parcels are zoned Agricultural Intensive (A-N)/CADO. The project site is not present on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project includes an application for a Major Use Permit, which is required for wind energy systems that have a rated capacity of more than 150 kilowatts per turbine (Yolo County Code Section 8-2.1103, Small and Large Wind Energy Systems).

Objectives defined by Bogle Vineyards for the proposed project include: contributing to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with wine production; generating onsite renewable energy in a manner consistent with California's programs; owning and operating an energy resource that produces electricity that may be used towards compliance with California's Renewable Portfolio Standards Program and the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015; supporting Yolo County objectives and goals to expand capacity of and reliance on renewable energy resources; reducing operating costs associated with electricity use at the wine production facility; meeting the highest category of the Renewable Sources of Power Criterion for the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance; minimizing impacts to agriculture and the loss of prime farmland from development of renewable energy

facilities; and supporting Yolo County goals to conserve and support the continued productivity and economic viability of agricultural land.

Previously, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared by the County for the proposed turbine and released for public comment in September 2013. The County received comments from concerned landowners and environmental organizations, and a revised IS/MND that included additional and revised information was released in October 2013. The County Board of Supervisors approved the project in March 2014, and a subsequent lawsuit was filed challenging the adequacy of the MND. In July 2015, the Superior Court ruled in favor of the petitioners, finding that there was substantial evidence to support a fair argument that the project may have a significant effect on biological resources, aesthetics, and noise.

In response to the Superior Court's ruling, the County and its consultant, Aspen Environmental Group, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Final EIR (Response to Comments) will be prepared following public review and comment. The County will consider this information when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final EIR, the County may take action to adopt the proposed project.

The DEIR analyzes impacts in all of the resource areas identified in CEQA Guidelines Appendix G. No significant impacts that could not be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation are identified in the DEIR.

The DEIR is now available for public review on the County website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division/current-projects> and at the public counter of the County Planning Division at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95696. The document is available for purchase in hard copy or in electronic format (CD ROM). The document is also available for public review at the Woodland Public Library at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Please contact Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner, at (530) 666-8850 or stephanie.cormier@yolocounty.org for more information or should you wish to purchase a copy.

You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 45-day public review period which begins March 3, 2017, and ends April 17, 2017, at 5:00pm. All comments on the DEIR will be responded to in writing in the Final EIR. Comments must be directed to:

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A public hearing with the Yolo County Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to be held on April 13, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street, Woodland, to accept oral comments on the DEIR. A separate notice will be sent out in advance of the Planning Commission hearing.

There will be no transcription of oral comments at these meetings. Comments received will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit their comments in writing.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of a project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the hearings are closed.

For specific project information, please contact Stephanie Cormier, Senior Planner, at (530) 666-8850 or stephanie.cormier@yolocounty.org.