

AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES **FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

2-18-21

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT LIVE:

Russell Betts, Arthur Butler, Michael Geller (alternate for Richard Stewart).

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT REMOTELY: Steve Manos, John Lyon, Steven Stewart, Gary Youmans COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: **Richard Stewart**

2.0 PUBLIC HEARING: CONTINUED ITEMS NONE

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING: NEW CASES

3.1 Staff report recommended: CONSISTENT

> Staff recommended at hearing: CONSISTENT

ALUC Commission Action: CONSISTENT (Vote 7-0)

Motion: Steven Stewart Second: John Lyon

ZAP1092PS20 – AM Wind Repower, LLC (Representative: **Brookfield Renewable Partners)** - County of Riverside Case Nos. WCS00071R10 (WECS Permit), VAR200001 (Variance). The applicant proposes a project within the jurisdiction of the County of Riverside, Alta Mesa Wind Project, to decommission and remove 159 existing commercial wind turbines (wind energy conversion systems, abbreviated as "WECS") and install 7 new wind turbines with a maximum height of 499 feet above ground level on 548 gross acres (25 acres net development footprint) located northerly of Interstate 10, and westerly of State Route 62, and install one new 263 foot tall meteorological tower, as well as including associated equipment such as existing on-site substation, temporary construction yard, access roads, and existing 220kV transmission line. The applicant also proposes a variance to eliminate building setbacks along the western and norther property lines.

The applicant also proposes another project within the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, Mesa Wind Project, to decommission and remove 460 existing commercial wind turbines and install 8 new wind turbines with a maximum height of 499 feet above ground level on 1,285 (30 acres net development footprint), located northerly of Interstate 10, and westerly of State Route 62, and install one new 263 foot tall meteorological tower. The Bureau of Land Management has already approved this project under Case No. CACA55718. (The Mesa Wind Project is directly north and west of the proposed Alta Mesa Wind Project) (Not located within an Airport Compatibility Zone). Staff Planner: Paul Rull at (951) 955-6893, or e-mail at prull@rivco.org

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING: MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None

VIDEO:

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5.0 **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

5.1 Director's Approvals – Information only

5.2 Update March Air Reserve Base Compatibility Use Study (CUS)

Simon Housman, ALUC Director, reported that within the last month several things have been accomplished. The local jurisdictions have joined the Compatibility Use Study (CUS) adopting resolutions, appointing members to the policy committee in the working groups and making their financial contributions. The department of defense has responded to the COVID pandemic by extending time for the study 12 months which extends the study to November 2022.

5.3 Video Presentation on Remotely Pilot Aircraft – Information only Col. Christopher Todd Linton, the Vice Commander of the 163rd Attack Wing of the California Air National Guard, March Air Reserve Base presented a video on remotely piloted aircrafts.

6.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Steven Stewart, Vice Chair motioned to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Arthur Butler. Abstained: Michael Geller, alternate for Richard Stewart. (Vote 6-0)

7.0 ORAL COMMUNICATION ON ANY MATTER NOT ON THE AGENDA

Adam Rush, City of Banning Community Development Director along with applicant Fernando Huerta, Project Manager representing Grandave Studios at Banning provided a brief preliminary Power Point Presentation to the Commissioners regarding an upcoming project they are bringing forth soon.

8.0 **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS** None

ADJOURNMENT 9.0

Russell Betts, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

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