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## Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider Planning Commission's recommendation that the Board take the following action on Ordinance OR10-0002/Wind Energy Conversion Systems:

- 1) Adopt the Negative Declaration based on the Initial Study prepared by staff, with the additional finding that the revisions made to the draft ordinance do not increase or change the potential environmental effects of the proposed ordinance;
- 2) Approve Ordinance OR10-0002 amending Chapter 17.14 (Miscellaneous Development Requirements) to add the Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance as Section 17.14.240 of the Zoning Ordinance, as shown in Exhibit A, based on the Findings listed in Attachment 1; and
- 3) Adopt said Ordinance. (Est. Time: 20 Min.)

Background: Request to consider OR10-0002/Wind Energy Conversion Systems initiated by EL DORADO COUNTY. Proposed amendment to County Ordinance, Title 17, to add provisions for wind energy conversion systems to comply with California Government Code Section 65893 which encourages local agencies to adopt zoning standards that enable construction of small wind energy conversion systems for on-site home, farm, and small commercial use. The intent is to provide standards and regulations for the safe and effective construction and use of these systems, as well as for larger, utility-scale systems that can potentially be developed within the County, based on the State Energy Commissions *Wind Resource Potential Maps*. [Project Planner: Lillian MacLeod] (Negative Declaration prepared)\*

This application was considered by the Planning Commission on September 9, 2010; September 23, 2010; and on October 14, 2010 was recommended for approval (4-0). The minutes from these meetings are attached.

Hard copies of the Staff Report exhibits are provided in black and white, however, some exhibits are available "in color" electronically on the Board's agenda website.

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