## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE ALTAMONT PASS WIND RESOURCE AREA REPOWERING and

## <u>CORRECTED</u> NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON <u>CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT</u> PATTERSON PASS WIND PROJECT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN2012-00214 GOLDEN HILLS WIND PROJECT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN2014-00032

Notice is hereby given that the County of Alameda has completed the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, 1970, as amended) on the repowering of existing wind farm facilities within the unincorporated Alameda County portion of the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area (APWRA), which extends north and south of I-580, south of the Contra Costa County border and west of the San Joaquin County border. The PEIR addresses on a program level the anticipated approvals of a series of Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) that will result in progressive repowering of the APWRA, and also provides project-level analysis of two specific CUP project applications:

- a) The Patterson Pass Wind Project (**PLN2012-00214**) to install between 8 and 12 new turbines with a combined capacity of 19.8 MW, on three parcels north of Patterson Pass Road encompassing roughly one and a half square miles, approximately two miles southwest of Midway Road, bearing Assessor Parcel Numbers: 099A-1800-001-00; 099A-1800-002-01; and 099B-7985-001-02; and
- b) The Golden Hills Wind Project—Phase 1 (PLN2014-00032), to install up to 52 new turbines with a combined capacity of 88.4 MW, across roughly seven square miles on 38 parcels or parts of parcels extending between one and two miles south of I-580 and from about 1 mile west of the North Flynn Road interchange with I-580 to about 5 miles east of said interchange at Midway Road (specific parcels are identified in the PEIR).

The Final PEIR is available for review at the Planning Department office in Hayward, and at the Department's website (<u>www.acgov.org/cda/planning</u> – see Pending Land Use Projects, Current Development Projects, Wind Turbine Projects and *APWRA Repowering* – *Program Environmental Impact Report*). The Final PEIR contains the Draft PEIR, comments received during a 45-day comment period that ended on July 21, 2014, and responses to those comments. The Final PEIR is proposed to be certified by the East County Board of Zoning Adjustments (EBZA) and used for the purpose of CEQA in its consideration of CUPs **PLN2012-00214** and **PLN2014-00032**. For more information, please contact Andrew Young at 510-670-5400 or <u>andrew.young@acgov.org</u>.

The EBZA will hold a public hearing to consider certifying the Final PEIR and to take action on the two subject applications, on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 12</u>, 2014, 1:00 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.