



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR 1-MEGAWATT WIND TURBINE AT VICTOR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Victor Valley Community College proposes to construct and operate a 1-megawatt wind turbine on the Lower Campus of Victor Valley Community College. The Proposed Project would include removal of a temporary meteorological data collection tower, construction of the wind turbine, an underground electrical transmission line and access roadway improvements to the turbine.

The project would improve energy efficiency and supplement the existing power plant at the Victor Valley Community College with a renewable source of energy. The wind tower would use airflow for power. Wind power is renewable and produces no greenhouse gases during operation. The system would consist of a two-bladed wind turbine on a tubular steel tower. The turbine would be placed on an elevated foundation and have a total height of approximately 328 ft. The system would include a wind turbine generator, transformer, switchgear and metering panel. The wind turbine would be painted bright white and include lighting in accordance with U.S. Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, Victor Valley Community College has prepared a Draft Initial Study for the proposed wind turbine. The Draft Initial Study (dated October 2007) was placed on public review from October 29, 2007 to December 2, 2007, and is available for online viewing at <http://www.vvc.edu/staff/FFG.htm>. The document is also available at the Victor Valley College Library and the Victorville Public Library (15011 Circle Drive, Victorville, CA 92395).

With implementation of mitigation measures and best management practices to prevent or minimize potentially significant impacts, the District has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and has been prepared as a condition of project approval.

The Victor Valley Community College Board of Trustees has considered the findings of the Initial Study along with public and agency comments received during the public review period, and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project at its April 8, 2008 Board Meeting to held in the Board Room of the Administration Building (Building # 10) at 6 p.m. The public is welcome at this Board Meeting. If attendance is not possible, written comments may be mailed to Dr. Robert Silverman, Victor Valley Community College, President's Office, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, California 92395. Written comment letters should be postmarked no later than March 21, 2008 (email comments will not be accepted). Thank you for your interest in this project.