

Wasco Co. Planning Commission

Proposed section 19.010 "Purposes" purports to set forth the goals for Chapter 19. However, I was very upset to see that protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Wasco County is listed last. The protection of public health and safety should be the absolute first priority for Wasco County, and this goal should be listed first and viewed as paramount.

Public health and safety should take precedence over all others with respect to the potential impact of new wind generation facilities on existing residences in Wasco County. I urge the Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners to change the required setback from turbines to non-resource zone property boundaries from 1 mile to 1.5 miles, and to require a 1.5 mile setback from existing residential dwellings in the agriculture and forest resource zones as well. See, section (c) Setbacks, (c)(3) and (c)(4) at pp. 19-35 and 19-36.

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