



**August 15, 2023**

## **Tri-Cities CARES Horse Heaven Hill Wind Farm Project Update**

**Happy Tuesday August 15, 2023** and it is really hot out there!

### **1. The Horse Heaven Hills Adjudication Hearings Began Today**

**This disastrous wind farm solar project is heading full-steam** through the EFSEC adjudication. It is a high stakes hearing soaked with an unprecedented amount of greed, bias, prejudice, and a hefty dislike for experts and science.

**Why It matters:** EFSEC is hearing the developer's experts and has tilted the scales of justice. The judge has stricken TCC witness testimony and EFSEC is going all in on their support of the maximum overbuild wind and solar designs without any restrictions whatsoever.

**Scout's latest tactic** is the release of a supposed settlement agreement reached with the Counsel for the Environment, ta da, on the eve of the adjudication. They now propose fewer turbines, 235 turbines and three (not two) – six-acre solar arrays.

**Who Needs Water!** They now appear to be giving up on getting water from the Port of Walla Walla and instead are literally grasping at straws using an untested forty-year-old well on DNR land two miles west of the project.

**Burn Baby Burn!** The Scout fire response plan is to let simply the lithium-ion battery facility fires burn themselves out. Hey, what them worry? According to Scout, we don't need to worry about the toxic plumes and evacuations that might be necessary. Don't worry about being in compliant with WAC requirements, EFSEC will just waive them!

**Bottom line:** This insane project still is moving forward at light speed and EFSEC will fail to fulfill its responsibilities and is acting like it will recommend the project as is, with insignificant mitigation of impacts to wildlife, cultural resources, visual impacts, and negative impacts on property values and tourism.

## **2. There will Be a Public Comment Hearing!**

**On August 23, 2023, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM** Judge Torem and the EFSEC Council will hold a virtual hearing and allow certain people (only those who submitted comments to EFSEC on the DEIS in January) to give three minutes of oral testimony.

**Whether you speak or not, to have the maximum impact, people should submit their comments by email in a pdf file to [comments@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:comments@efsec.wa.gov)**

To sign up to speak after verifying you are eligible, please call (360) 664-1345 or email at [efsec@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@efsec.wa.gov) before 5:00 pm on August 23.

If you are eligible to comment but are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your comment in writing to the comment database at <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov/> or send your comment in writing to [comments@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:comments@efsec.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172.

## **3. The Sound of Music**

**The Hills will Be Alive.** Barb and Mark Buckmaster have donated use of their property on Badger Road for an evening of music to help raise funds for Tri-Cities CARES. Barb and Markus Stauffer are organizing this remarkable outdoor musical event. There will be room for 200 people, and food, wine, and beverages will be available for purchase. Parking is available. There will be a silent auction for art and other ideas.

**Reserve Your Spots Now!** The event will be from 4:00 to 7:30 pm on Saturday September 9 at the Buckmaster property on Badger Road.

To RSVP send an email to [savehorseheavenhills@gmail.com](mailto:savehorseheavenhills@gmail.com) or call 509-987-3675. Bring your own chairs. Admission is a donation to TC CARES, \$50 per person or \$100/couple donation is suggested. Porta-Potties will be available. Parking is limited. If coming with friends, carpool if you can.

#### **4. We Need Your Help!**

**Can you please help us fight the battle? Please donate here.**

We are staying in the game and will fight to the very end as long as ***we have the ability to do so.***

We totally rely on donations to cover the costs for our attorney and expert witnesses. The fight to the Washington Supreme Court will go well into 2024.

Please donate now. We are badly in need of funds.

Visit <https://www.tricitiescares.org/donations> or scan the QR code below.

Appreciatively,

Paul J. Krupin, Pam Minelli, Dave Sharp and Karen Brun

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