

Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Resolution #08-03

**RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNTY OPPOSITION TO
WIND GENERATORS ON PUBLIC LANDS**

WHEREAS, NACO supports the development of renewable energy sources, including wind, and

WHEREAS, Wind energy, while still a very small fraction of the U.S. energy budget, is one of the fastest growing areas of new energy development, and

WHEREAS, To make a serious contribution to America's energy budget, wind energy projects on a large commercial scale comprised of hundreds of tall towers with turbines and associated infrastructure will need to be constructed, and

WHEREAS, Nevada has abundant wind resources, but the mountainous nature of the State makes siting a wind farm a major challenge and optimal locations are on public lands, and

WHEREAS, the siting of wind generators on public lands in Nevada could cause degradation to prime grazing areas and wildlife habitat and negatively impact recreational opportunities that are important to the economy and way of life in rural areas,

WHEREAS, in other parts of the country where large scale wind farms have been considered, their potential environmental impacts has been raised as a concern.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NACO supports the right of Nevada's Boards of County Commissioners to oppose the development of wind generators on public lands that they find will negatively impact the environment, economy and quality of life in their counties.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACO urges Nevada's Boards of County Commissioners to work with interested parties to find suitable locations for wind generators in their counties.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 4th day of April, 2008 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:


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