



Yerington Chamber of Commerce
102 North Main Street
Yerington, NV 89447

Lyon County Planning Commission
27 South Main Street
Yerington, NV 89447

December 8, 2025

RE: Support for the EDF Renewables Winston Project – Special Use Permit and Related Applications

Dear Chair and Members of the Lyon County Planning Commission,

On behalf of the Yerington Chamber of Commerce, we respectfully submit this letter of support for the EDF Renewables Winston Project currently under review. As an organization committed to promoting responsible economic development, supporting local business vitality, and encouraging long-term diversification of the regional economy, we believe this project holds significant potential benefit for Lyon County.

Renewable energy development is becoming an increasingly important component of strong rural economies, helping broaden the tax base, stabilize long-term revenue, and attract new investment. The Winston Project aligns with these goals while advancing opportunities for future workforce development and local contracting. The Chamber looks forward to continued collaboration with EDF Renewables as the project evolves and as those opportunities become clearer.

We recognize that any large-scale project must be evaluated carefully for its impacts on surrounding property owners and the broader community. For this reason, we appreciate that EDF Renewables provided details and their dedication of this process demonstrating diligence in addressing community concerns particularly those related to traffic, visual impacts, and compatibility with neighboring uses. Their efforts have included:

- Providing detailed visual simulations
- Proposing expanded vegetation screening
- Working toward improvements along the US-95 corridor

This type of proactive community engagement and willingness to adapt the project design is commendable and reflects a commitment to being a responsible long-term partner in the county.



From the Chamber's perspective, the Winston Project provides several important regional benefits:

- **Responsible Economic Diversification:** Strengthens long-term economic stability by adding a new industry sector to the region.
- **Opportunities for Skilled Workforce Development:** These types of projects often bring employment and contracting opportunities, expanding local capacity in high-demand fields.
- **Enhanced Regional Visibility:** Positions Lyon County as an attractive location for forward-looking industries and investment.
- **Potential Long-Term Revenue:** Renewable energy projects frequently contribute to local services, schools, and infrastructure through long-term financial mechanisms.

We support continued open dialogue between EDF Renewables, residents, and county leadership to ensure the project moves forward in a way that reflects community values, protects local resources, and maximizes economic benefit.

For these reasons, the Yerington Chamber of Commerce respectfully encourages the Planning Commission to give strong consideration to approving the land use applications associated with the Winston Project.

Thank you for your time, service, and careful deliberation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink. The name "Melanie" is written in a cursive script, followed by a stylized, looped signature mark.

Melanie Young
Chamber Liaison
Yerington Chamber of Commerce



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Yerington Main Street Committee
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RE: Letter of Support – EDF Winston Solar Project

December 8, 2025

Dear Planning Commissioners,

On behalf of the Yerington Main Street Committee, we respectfully submit this letter in support of the EDF Winston Solar Project Planned Unit Development application PLZ-2025-084. We recognize that this proposal has prompted many discussions within the community, especially regarding the change from agricultural land to renewable energy use. These concerns are important and understandable. At the same time, we believe the project presents opportunities that align with several broader goals identified in our Strategic Plan.

The Main Street Committee is committed to supporting efforts that contribute to long-term economic stability, thoughtful growth, and stronger community infrastructure. Renewable energy projects, when appropriately planned, can help diversify the local economy, bring new investment into the region, and support jobs. The Winston Solar Project has the potential to add to Yerington's economic base in ways that complement ongoing revitalization work on Main Street and surrounding corridors.

We also appreciate that EDF Power Solutions has been open throughout this process and has taken steps to respond to concerns raised by residents. Their efforts include preparing visual simulations, proposing vegetation screening, and working on improvements to U.S. 95 to help address traffic-related issues. While these measures may not resolve every concern, we value the willingness to communicate and adjust based on community feedback.

Our support for the project does not diminish the importance of Yerington's agricultural heritage or the viewpoints of those who prefer to keep the land in agricultural production. Instead, it reflects our belief that with appropriate mitigation, continued engagement, and clear conditions of approval, the Winston Solar Project can provide community benefits while respecting local values.

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We respectfully encourage the Lyon County Planning Commission to consider the potential economic and infrastructure benefits of this project, along with its alignment with long-term planning efforts, as you make your decision.

Thank you for your time and careful review.

Sincerely,

Melanie Young
Executive Director
Yerington Main Street Committee

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Renewable Winston project.

1 message

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To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 7:19 PM

Regarding the Winston project a traffic study should have been completed before the planning commissioners meeting on December 9th 2025 took place. There are procedures to follow and this company did not follow procedures. I am totally opposed to the Winston renewable project.

Water contamination: Small amounts of toxic materials (lead and calcium are contained in solar panels. Contamination could result in our surface and underground water sources if any panels are damaged or improperly disposed of. Current recycling methods are few and not cost effective.

This only creates temporary jobs during construction. Nothing like the Anaconda mining days I hear so much about.. Permanent jobs will be very few in the long run. 5 to 15 people? This could destabilize the local economy that depends on agriculture. Once the land is used for solar it can render it fallow for decades to come. There is no going back.

This could also negatively alter property values for people in a close proximity. It will ruin the visual landscape, not to mention the beauty of the desert in that area.

Rows upon rows of dark unsightly solar panels and fences are not very becoming to our landscape. By 2040 solar development is expected to consume 25 million acres of land in the United States alone. 83% expected to be farmland. I find this unsustainable for the future farming industry.

It possibly could alter water run off potentially affecting local water quality. There is also a solar flux effect killing birds and insects. It interferes with animal migration. It creates its own micro climate. Dark panels alter surface reflectivity and temperature.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. Please include this in your comments at the next board of commissioners meeting if applicable. Thank you Patricia Jubin