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WIND TURBINES AND THE TAKE OF EAGLES

If you oppose the installation of towering wind turbines on the landmark black lava buttes overlooking Pipes Canyon, one topic of discussion at this month's meeting of the Homestead Valley Community Council will be of great interest to you.

Astonishing news from the US Fish & Wildlife is the issue. Though the bald eagle, our national symbol, as well as the golden eagle, have been protected for decades, Fish and Wildlife plan to increase permit periods for the take of these birds.

In 2009 they stated that a permit period longer than 5 years was unacceptable, as it was impossible to forecast damage to the eagle populations beyond that time. But now, 3 years later, they announce they plan to extend it to 30 years. Big Wind somehow is to be permitted to haze, injure, or kill these birds for 30 years.

The Council will discuss their draft protest letter at the meeting on Monday, May 21. The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. at the Flamingo Heights Community Center on Perris Rd, behind Hero Catering on Highway 247.