

End debilitating helicopter like noise from agriculture wind machines.

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Target:

Santa Barbara County Supervisors

Region:

Lompoc and Mesa Oaks, California

Since Lompoc was settled, the Calvert Ranch land on Purisima and Rucker Roads has been used to grow flowers and vegetables. Recently a Camarillo based Corporation, Rincon Fresh, has moved in to grow strawberries. As part of this operation they have placed up to 40 large, very noisy wind machines to circulate the air and prevent frost damage. However the surrounding hillsides increase the sound which makes living in the immediately surrounding houses debilitating, hazardous, or impossible.

The sound produced by these machines peaks above 85 Dba which causes hearing and structural damage.

The State recommends residential areas sound levels be less than 50 Dba at night. The current sound levels are what the State classifies as CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE.

Additionally the low frequency infrasound from the propeller blades damages human soft tissues.

These wind machines are unhealthy and physically damaging to surrounding residents, to the point some have to evacuate their houses.

The sound from these machines is focused by the propeller tip vortices and can travel miles at high intensity.

There are quiet alternatives to prevent frost damage one being hoop houses, another is a quiet, turbofan type wind machine.

<https://www.towandblowusa.com/>

Audio assault



Purisima Estates entrance harmful noise level.



We request Santa Barbara County Supervisors to do whatever is necessary to IMMEDIATELY stop noisy propeller type wind machines from being used on Calvert Ranch land adjacent Purisima and Rucker Roads. There are quiet alternatives available the farm Corporation can use. Also we request that County ordinances be amended to prevent this noisy propeller type of wind machine from being placed within one mile of any residential development.

Sign the petition

Sponsor

Mr, Ms, Dr, etc

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Osborne, Jenelle](#)
Subject: Wind Machines
Date: Monday, December 28, 2020 11:13:02 AM

I am writing you to complain about the noise the Turbines make. I was over at my daughters in mission hills and the noise and the shaking of her house was horrible.

We have lived here in Lompoc for 12 years have never heard this until the past couple of months. We support farming and love our little town. But this is to much.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Osborne, Jenelle](#)
Subject: Wind machines
Date: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 11:56:13 AM

Dear Mayor Osborne,

I'm writing to express my concern over the use of wind machines here in Lompoc. We support farming and have lived in this community for 20 years, in our current house for 16. Farming has been part of the landscape the entire time we've lived here, but wind machines have not.

The inability to sleep is an incredibly distressing thing just by itself, and also not something we have had an issue with until Thanksgiving weekend of this year. It's so loud that we can feel, not only hear, the reverberation.

Please can you consider assisting in impressing on our County officials to please support our community in farming that does not keep the community awake all night? Please can you help impress upon them to return to whatever methods have served local farming prior to this? It's awful.

Thank you for your consideration.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Osborne, Jenelle](#)
Subject: Giant Disturbing the Peace problem.
Date: Monday, December 28, 2020 1:21:15 PM

Hello Mayor Osborne.

Hundreds of Lompoc residents are being kept awake at night during the winter by 38 large wind machines, operated by Ventura Corporation Rincon Pacific.

Please read their comments on this petition:

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/end-annoying-and-damaging-helicopter-like-wind-machine-noise.html>

This is a serious health problem.

Can you please ask the County to enforce the Disturbing the Peace Penal Code 415(2).

The sound pressure levels generated by these machines is over 71 decibels, which is SEVEN times the night sound pressure level of 55 decibels recommended by the County for residential areas.

We contacted Supervisor Hartmann and the Sheriff's office over one month ago, but so far they have not stopped this audio assault.

FYI these machines are not protected by "Right to Farm" law, due to not meeting these requirements:

- A. They are not established or used by any other agricultural operation in our locality.
- B. There is no changed condition in our locality, the last development was put up 15 years ago, most houses in the locality are 40 to 50 years old.
- C. They have been in operation much less than three years.
- D. They were a nuisance the first day one was turned on.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]