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San Juan Capistrano Lithium-ion Battery Storage Facility

I live in Dana Point, and when I learned about the proposed site for a future Battery Storage Plantation in San Juan Capistrano, I was shocked. We cannot allow this project to move forward. These storage facilities are dangerous and can burn for days with toxic implications to our health.

A perfect example is the Moss Landing, California facilities that caught fire on January 26, 2025 and still under investigation for cause of the fire that caused 1,500 people to evacuate. June 20, 2024 Otia Mesa storage facilities caught fire and businesses and homes were evacuated there.

Lithium-ion battery storage facilities, like battery energy storage systems (BESS), face several safety risks, including fires, explosions, and toxic gas release due to thermal runaway. Thermal runaway, triggered by factors like overcharging, physical damage or high temperature, causes a cell to overheat and potentially ignite or explode. These fires can spread to neighboring cells, and the resulting gases can be highly flammable and toxic.

This is a "NO" vote in approving this to move forward.

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