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Engie and Compass Energy have insisted that their technology will not be responsible for a fire outbreak because the technology has a low chance of catalyzing a fire. I deeply disagree with this statement due to several instances documented in the Electric Power Research Institute database for BESS system failure events that state otherwise such as the instance in Queensland, Australia that occurred in 2023.

However, even if it were impossible for the technology to be the source of a fire. That does NOT change the indisputable fact, that this location is officially listed and deemed a high fire risk area through which we have already experienced fire events. Should a brush fire or other source of fire exist and breakout near the site, the BESS facility is undeniably susceptible to catching fire in the process and now we are dealing not only with a wildfire but an electrical fire simultaneously that we simply do NOT have the manpower or means to contain quickly with only one road in and one road out. We already had multiple fire authorities speak on May 29th, 2025 and articulate to the CEC that our firefighters DO NOT have the ability to contain these fires quickly and safely in this area and are especially concerned of a double fire should a wildfire spread to the BESS site and create a resulting electrical fire. Our community cannot afford to battle two fires at one time and that will happen undeniably at this location if a wildfire breaks out.

Respectfully,  
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