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Opposition to Proposed SJC Battery Facility

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

After the meeting last Thursday, I started wondering about the population differences between the areas where battery fires have occurred in California during the past year, and the proposed site in San Juan Capistrano. Here is what I found out using demographicsbyradius.com:

At one mile radius around the facilities – Otay Mesa and Moss Landing have a population of under 500 people, while the proposed site at SJC has a population of over **12K people**.

At a 3 mile radius – Otay Mesa and Moss Landing have a population under 5K, and the proposed site at San Juan Capistrano has a population of almost **113K!**

If 55% of the people living in a 3 mile radius of the SJC facility had to be evacuated, which is what is estimated occurred at Moss Landing that would be over **61K people**.

Beyond evacuation, if we consider that those in a 10mile radius could be affected by toxic smoke and ash, the number affected by the proposed facility in San Juan Capistrano could be up to **620K!** That is 20% of the population of Orange County.

I urge you to consider other feasible locations, one of which could be San Onofre, which is far less populated area that already has the power line infrastructure in place. I further urge you to strongly consider all the voices of the opposition you have heard from the community. While your term will eventually come to an end at the CEC and the Governor will change, it is the residence of this community that will be left to deal with any and all after effects of this facility being built forever.

No facility is 100% fail safe or fire proof, as we have seen from the California battery fires in the last year. Even if the risk is minimal, the sheer number of people that could be affected by the SJC facility is just too great.

Thank You!

Population	San Onofre (Alt Si	Moss Landing	Otay Mesa	SJC
1 Mile	9,790	226	415	12,369
3 Mile	32,036	2,711	4,131	112,704
5 Mile	68,012	21,256	29,831	280,971
10 Mile	198,946	138,361	315,637	620,371

SJC % larger population than Moss Landing	SJC % larger population than Otay Mesa	SJC % larger population than San Onofre
54.7	29.8	1.3
41.6	27.3	3.5
13.2	9.4	4.1
4.5	2.0	3.1

Reference Website – demographicsbyradius.com

Addresses used for center points:

SJC – 29251 Camino Capistrano, SJC, CA

Moss Landing – 7301 SR-1 Moss Landing CA

Otay Mesa - 600 Camino De La Fuente, San Diego, CA

San Onofre – 5000 PCH, S.C. CA 92672