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OCFA

I am president of HOA Board of Directors of the community of El Niguel Heights in Laguna Niguel. We as a board and community have been working to comply with Orange County Fire Authority guidelines and recommendations for fire safety. The OCFA has been more pro-active recently, mandating fire inspections on residential property sales in high risk fire areas. They have recently redone the map of Orange County fire zones, classifying them as Very High Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk, Low Risk. They don't consider or care about fire history, just hazard. The proposed BESS project is in one of OCFA's High Risk zones. What is the OCFA position on this project? To proceed with a project that raises fire risk in a High Risk area is not only irresponsible but is unconscionable. Thank you. Carl A. Hess, M.D.