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RE: Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)

Dear California Energy Commissioners,

As a concerned resident of the City of San Juan Capistrano, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage LLC, is proposing to construct, own, and operate an approximately 250-megawatt BESS facility on a 13-acre project site along the northern portion of the City of San Juan Capistrano immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel. The project site, which is less than 1,500 feet from several residential neighborhoods, is confined within a designated general open space hillside surrounded by native plants and significant vegetation, brush, and two recreational nature trails. This close proximity to residential areas heightens the potential risk to the community. Our community is organizing community meetings, sending comments to the CEC website, and writing letters, demonstrating our united opposition.

The proposed location of Compass Energy Storage's project site poses significant and immediate wildfire risks. The BESS facility would be composed of lithium-iron phosphate batteries, or similar batteries, which can be incredibly dangerous if they overheat, causing the battery to catch fire. Lithium battery fires burn hotter and faster than other fires and cannot be easily extinguished. Lithium batteries can reignite twenty-one (21) days after extinguishing the fire, presenting a long-lasting and persistent threat. Should the lithium batteries overheat and catch fire, the proposed project site's natural vegetation, steep terrain and surrounding landscape pose a significant and immediate fire threat.

In the past ten years, there have been twenty-three (23) wildfires within a five-mile radius of the proposed project site. Given the nature of lithium battery fires, firefighters are forced to take a containment approach. Should a fire break containment, all nearby homes and businesses would be in immediate fire danger. The imminent fire risk posed by the BESS facility threatens residents' safety and further exacerbates the state's homeowner's insurance crisis, making it even more difficult for residents to obtain adequate homeowner's insurance policies, compounding the already dire situation.

In addition to the heightened risk of wildfires, the proposed BESS project site presents significant environmental and public health risks. Lithium batteries emit toxic gases within seconds of igniting, leading to air pollution and public health risks. Any fire, regardless of

size generates a significant risk for our first responders' health should this project be approved.

Should first responders quickly extinguish a lithium battery fire, they would be exposed to hazardous toxic gases, which can cause severe debilitating health impacts. If the fire is not readily extinguished, the toxic gases emitted would generate a significant public health risk for the surrounding communities. Any water or fire extinguishing compounds used to combat the fire will become easily contaminated with heavy metals and absorbed into the region's soil, adversely impacting the local ecosystem and population. The project's close proximity to the Oso and Arroyo Creek waterbed further exacerbates potential water quality issues, contaminating the San Juan Creek Watershed, which flows to the Pacific Ocean just miles away.

I strongly urge the California Energy Commission to carefully and fully consider these adverse fire, economic, environmental, and public safety risks as they evaluate Compass Energy Storage's proposed project. The health and safety of California residents should always take precedence over any potential benefits proposed by this project. I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission reject this project application and unequivocally prioritize public safety and community quality of life.

Sincerely,

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Teresa M. Froot

3311b Southwind Ct.

San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675

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Collette Casey

21542 Paseo Palmetto

MISSION Viejo CA 92692

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23705 Mariner Dr. #184 *25970 Juniper drive*
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93923

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Nancy Nemeth

24382 Armada Dr. Dana Point, CA 92629

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California Energy Commission
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The proposed location of Compass Energy Storage's project site poses significant and immediate wildfire risks. The BESS facility would be composed of lithium-iron phosphate batteries, which can be incredibly dangerous if they overheat, causing the battery to catch fire. Lithium battery fires burn hotter and faster than other fires and cannot be easily extinguished. Lithium batteries can reignite twenty-one (21) days after extinguishing the fire, presenting a long-lasting and persistent threat. Should the lithium batteries overheat and catch fire, the proposed project site's natural vegetation, steep terrain and surrounding landscape pose a significant and immediate fire threat.

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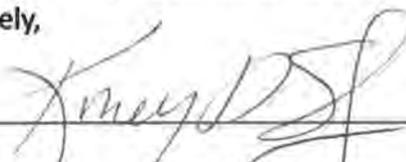
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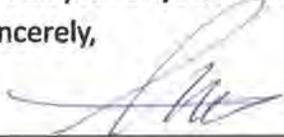
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25 Bawley, Laguna Niguel CA 92677

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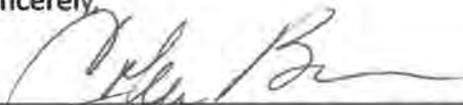
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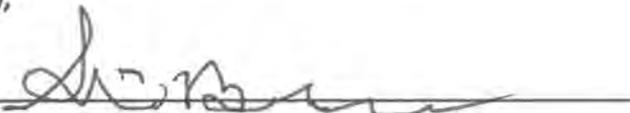
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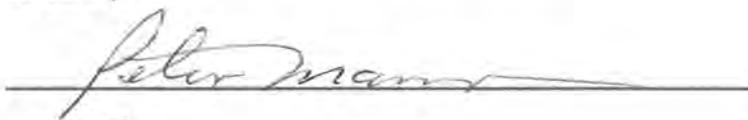
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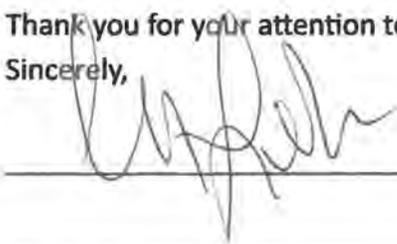
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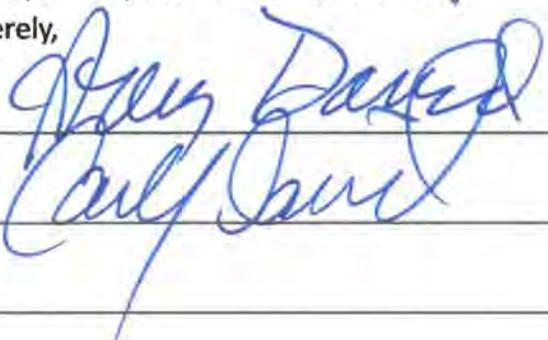
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LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

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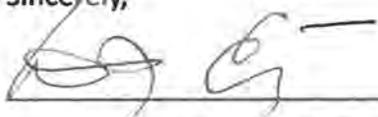
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Mary Grant
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Lag. Nig 92677

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Grace Jones

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20 Steva St

Laguna Niguel, CA 92653

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Lesley J. Harworth
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Laguna Niguel

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Brian Jimi

20 Stern St,

Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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Koni Jaiesica

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Sincerely,

Danielle Jackson

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8 Springbrook Rd Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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Sincerely,

TOMMY & SHARON CHOW

32 SERENITY LANE

LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

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California Energy Commission
Docket Number: 24-OPT-02
Project Title: Compass Energy Storage Project

RE: Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)

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Sincerely,

Name:

Wiley Johnson

Address

24722 Brockenridge Dr.
Laguna Niguel CA 92677

Email address

wileyjohnson@outlook.com

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9 Precipice
Laguna Nisuel, CA
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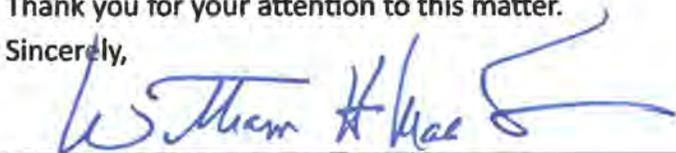
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LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677

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Project Title: Compass Energy Storage Project

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Sincerely,

Name: Kathleen Johnson

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Email address Wiley.johnson@cox.net

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Brigitte J. Holden

3-27-2025

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California Energy Commission
Project Manager, Renee Longman
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Docket Number: 24-OPT-02
Project Title: Compass Energy Storage Project

RE: Opposition to Proposed Compass Energy Storage Project (24-OPT-02)

Dear California Energy Commissioners,

As a concerned resident of the City of Laguna Hills, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed battery energy storage system (BESS) facility. The project applicant, Compass Energy Storage LLC, is proposing to construct, own, and operate an approximately 250-megawatt BESS facility on a 13-acre project site along the northern portion of the City of San Juan Capistrano immediately adjacent to the eastern border of Laguna Niguel. The project site, which is less than 1,500 feet from several residential neighborhoods, is confined within a designated general open space hillside surrounded by native plants and significant vegetation, brush, and two recreational nature trails. This close proximity to residential areas heightens the potential risk to the community. Our community is organizing community meetings, sending comments to the CEC website, and writing letters, demonstrating our united opposition.

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A fire in this location would most likely close the 5 freeway from smoke which makes driving very dangerous. The smoke and possibly toxic fumes would have to dissipate before normal traffic flow could resume.

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Email address marketparadise4@yahoo.com

California Energy Commission
Project Manager, Renee Longman
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Docket Number: 24-OPT-02
Project Title: Compass Energy Storage Project

DATE: 4/3/2025

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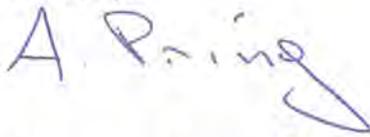
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In the application for a permit for this battery storage facility, the batteries are described as Lithium Iron Phosphate or a similar technology battery. There is no list or explanation of which batteries Compass would consider similar technology. The most used battery would be a Lithium Ion battery. Those battery facilities are everywhere and also, the ones catching fire, two in San Diego County. When our then Mayor Pro Tem, Stephanie Oddo, questioned Compass and their representatives about this, she was advised the wording would be changed. Only Lithium Iron Phosphate would be mentioned in the permit request. The very next day something else was posted on the Docket log with the same vague description of the type of batteries planned. Upon contacting Compass or their representative, Stephanie was informed the wording would not be changed.

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We oppose the approval of the permit to build a 250-megawatt Lithium Battery Storage Facility in San Juan Capistrano on the land currently owned by Saddleback Church. This proposal for a permit was originally denied by the City of San Juan Capistrano for a multitude of reasons with which we agree.

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p.s there is a large trauma hospital nearby that would have to be evacuated during a fire.

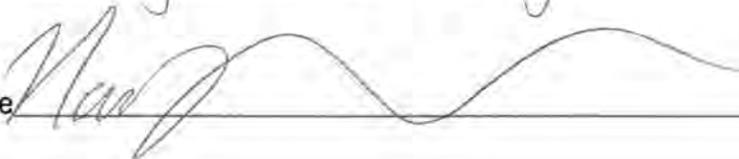
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*Rancho Mission Viejo
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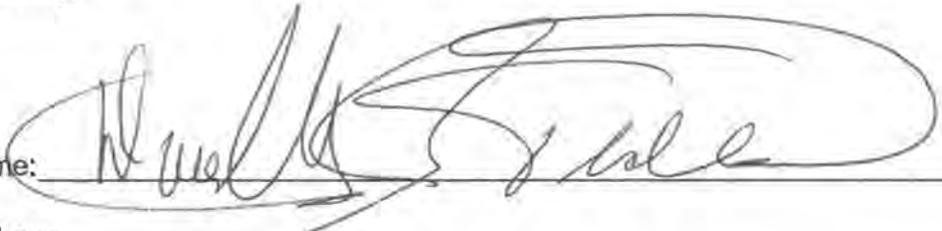
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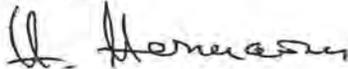
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November 6, 2024

California Energy Commission
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Subject: Opposition to Proposed Battery Storage Facility in San Juan Capistrano

Members of the California Energy Commission,

On behalf of the Orange County Professional Firefighters Association, I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed battery storage facility in San Juan Capistrano. As first responders tasked with protecting the safety and well-being of our community, we are concerned about the significant risks posed by such facilities, particularly the threat of fires caused by unstable electric batteries.

In recent years, there have been numerous reports of battery storage facilities catching fire, creating highly dangerous and unpredictable situations for firefighters and nearby residents. These fires are difficult to extinguish, produce toxic fumes, and can rapidly escalate beyond containment. Our firefighters are placed in harm's way as they work to suppress these fires and protect surrounding homes and businesses.

Unfortunately, the threat is not hypothetical. We have seen firsthand the devastating impact of battery-related fires. One of our brave young firefighters was forced to retire early due to severe injuries sustained while responding to a single incident involving electric batteries.

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Sincerely,

Chris Hamm, President
Orange County Professional Firefighters Association

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Subject: FW: SJC Battery Storage
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 3:37:38 PM

Hi Renee - This comment appears to be for Compass. - Eric

-----Original Message-----

From: Energy - STEP Siting <STEPsiting@energy.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2025 9:40 AM
To: Knight, Eric@Energy <Eric.Knight@energy.ca.gov>
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From: Tom Norheim <1965norheim@gmail.com>
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To: Energy - STEP Siting <STEPsiting@energy.ca.gov>
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I strongly disagree with the proposed Lithium Battery Storage facility. Moss Landing: has the State learned anything? 8 square miles of evacuation, and now dramatically increased heavy metals tests. Poor optics as well with a heavily Hispanic community in apartments a short distance South of proposed site. Mix in a High School then the San Juan Creek that flows out to Dana Point. Bypassing SJC City Council says it all. I would like to see the State not sell out to big money but that's a pipe dream.

Regards,
Tom Norheim
Mission Viejo

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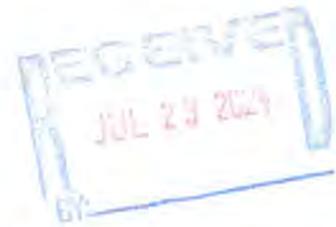
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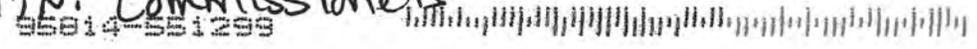
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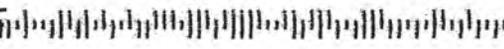
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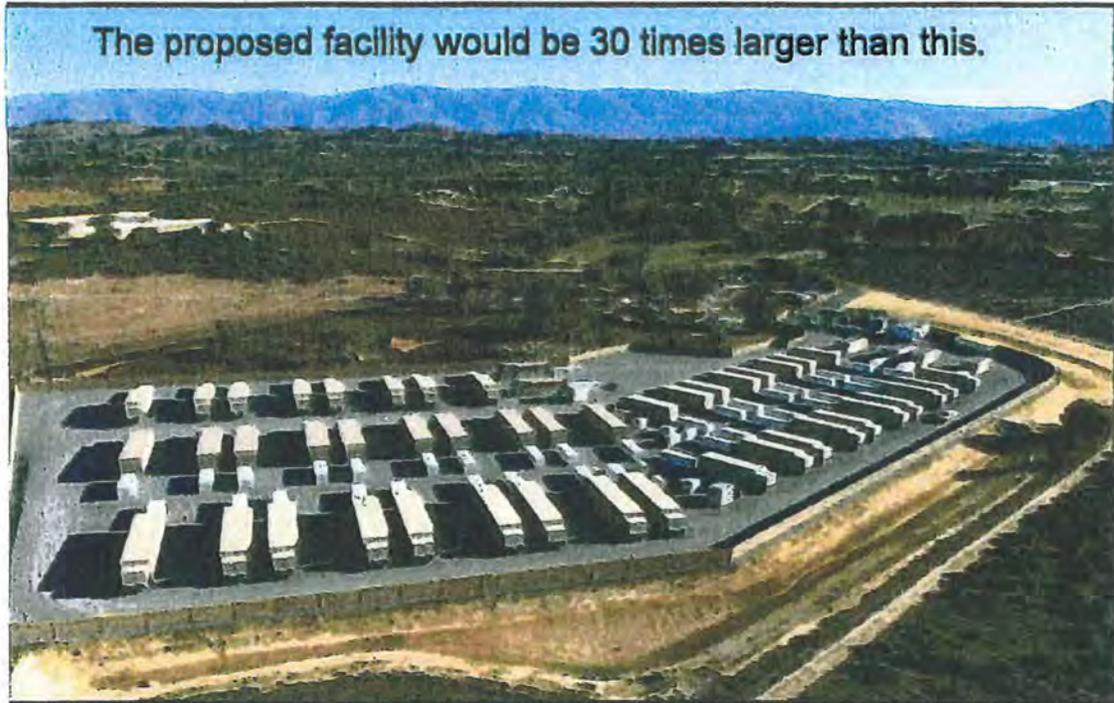
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Stop the proposed energy storage facility off Camino Capistrano



13 acres of massive lithium batteries pose a real fire and pollution threat!

Off Camino Capistrano between Avery and Junipero Serra the proposed site is dangerously close to homes, a creek, the ocean and historical treasures. When the SJC City Council denied the permit, the French company went straight to the CEC. They are requesting a permit directly from the State.

Community Center July 18

Join the 1 PM July 18 gathering at the Community Center in the Ballroom -
29751 Crown Valley Pkwy.
Hear from experts! Volunteer!
Speak to the group!

Lodge your complaint

At: www.energy.ca.gov/contact/comments-and-concerns. Refer to: Compass Energy Storage Project. The CEC needs your feedback.

To find out more go to:

<https://www.sanjuancapistrano.org/430/Battery-EnergyStorage-System-BESS-Overv>
<https://www.cityoflagunaniguel.org/1710/Proposed-Battery-Energy-Storage-System-P>

You enter the Colinas Bluff Trail from the Concord Hill tract. The entrance to the Concord Hill tract is Golden Lantern and Duchess. Turn right when Duchess dead ends at Baroness. Drive up Baroness. You can park on Baroness or Floweridge. There is an entrance to the trail at the end of either Cul de sac. Walk up the entrance to the Trail about the length of a block. Turn left when you reach the trail. Walk another block, there should be a directional sign pointing to the site of the proposed facility. You can see a little farm close to the freeway, the site is toward you from that farm to the bottom of the hillside beneath you and occupies 13 acres according to the request for a permit submitted to the State of California. The permit request filed with San Juan Capistrano was 15 acres, 1100 galvanized steel containers filled with Lithium batteries each container is 30 feet long, approximately 8 or 9 feet tall, and 7 or 8 feet wide. An awful sight in this beautiful ravine. Please park safely. Do not block driveways.



This area is prone to wildfires. The acreage is designated Open Space. It is designated for the preservation of native landscape and animals. The Center for Natural Land Management has been given the hillsides to re-establish native plants and attract native birds, insects, and wildlife. The Colinas Bluff Trail is a public trail. It spans the eastern border of Laguna Niguel. Other scenic trails in the ravine provide recreation and stress relief. The Oso Creek runs through this area to the ocean. Camino Capistrano is one of the main gateways to historic San Juan Capistrano. We want to preserve this area, this historic city, and tourism.



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Laquna Niquel, CA 92677

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MV- CA 92692

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Sheryl Kerner
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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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58 Mallorca, Laguna Niguel

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PROBLEM

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SOLUTION

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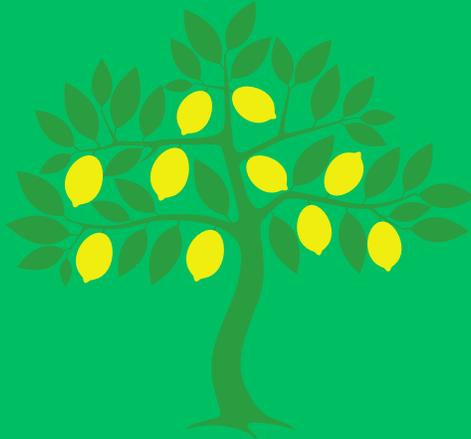
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Cc: [Chang, Kaycee@Energy](mailto:Chang.Kaycee@Energy)
Subject: FW: SJC Battery Storage
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Hi Renee - This comment appears to be for Compass. - Eric

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From: Energy - STEP Siting <STEPsiting@energy.ca.gov>
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I strongly disagree with the proposed Lithium Battery Storage facility. Moss Landing: has the State learned anything? 8 square miles of evacuation, and now dramatically increased heavy metals tests. Poor optics as well with a heavily Hispanic community in apartments a short distance South of proposed site. Mix in a High School then the San Juan Creek that flows out to Dana Point. Bypassing SJC City Council says it all. I would like to see the State not sell out to big money but that's a pipe dream.

Regards,
Tom Norheim
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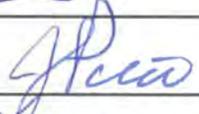
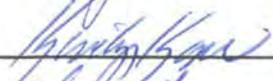
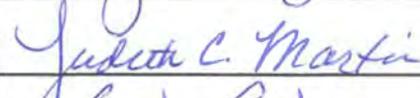
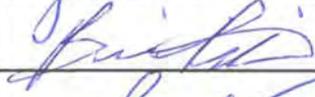
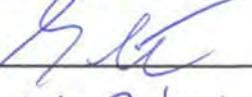
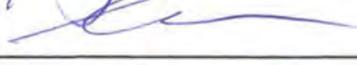
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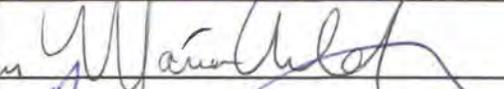
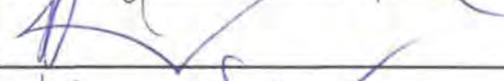
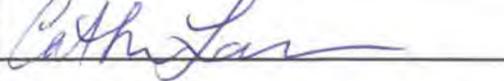
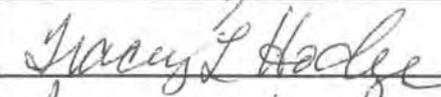
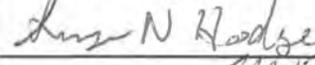
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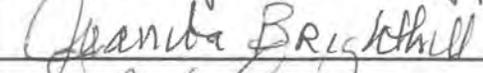
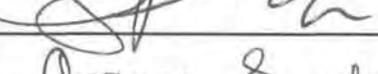
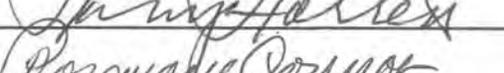
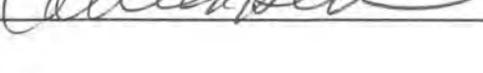
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Sincerely,

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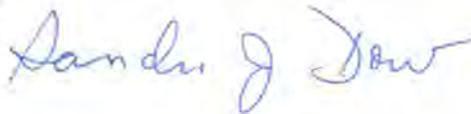
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