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Hello,

I am a resident of San Juan Capistrano and I am strongly against the proposed 250 Megawatt Battery Energy Storage Facility (BESS) that is proposed off of I-5, between San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Niguel.

Although there are benefits of having a battery storage facility, in my opinion, the potential risk—especially given the vulnerability to wildfires is not worth it. I would never have bought a home here if I had know this was a possibly just on the other side of the freeway from my community. We had a HARD time getting insurance and we're only able to get the CA Fair Plan, which basically covers nothing if there is a fire.

It is unfathomable to me that after the Lahaina, Los Angeles, and countless other fires, the site designated is very close proximity to a level 1 trauma center, Interstate 5, the Amtrak Train, hundreds of homes, schools, and so much more. I am not against battery storage, supporting the power grid but in this location I find a profound lack of wisdom in this decision.

Facts:

Otay Mesa Fire burned for 7 days straight:

https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=16485

Moss Landing Fire forced 1000 to evacuate, profound impact.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/02/10/us/california-battery-plant-fire.html>

In closing, I love our community. Having this open space during 2020 was beyond a blessing during Covid. The area where the site is proposed is not worth the risk. Please do not put profits over people.

Thank you,
Megan Fallman
Resident, San Juan Capistrano

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