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Dear Members of the California Energy Commission,

Here are our comments, point by point, why a **DENY** vote is needed for the proposed lithium battery storage facility in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

It is not a question of if, but when a fire will occur at this site.

It will affect thousands of homes, schools, churches, senior living units, the Historical Monuments of the Mission Basilica and the Los Rios neighborhood, as well as the Shea Center.

It will force the closure of the 5 freeway, the Amtrak rail lines and the evacuation of a Regional Trauma Hospital for days or weeks. This in turn will impact commerce.

It will force the evacuation of thousands of people at a moments notice.

There are limited exits out of the area

Toxic chemicals will severely impact the health and well being of all the citizens in this area, with significant impact on the young and elderly.

Lessons need to be learned from Moss Landing and other areas where there are tremendous populations and businesses.

Several years ago, the California Coastal Commission denied the extension of the 73 Toll Road to the city of San Clemente because it would have impacted the ocean currents and sea life. This battery location would do far more harm because it will spew toxins into San Juan Creek which flows into the Pacific Ocean. Local beaches and the Dana Point Harbor will be severely and negatively impacted.

The fires cannot be put out by normal water means. Nor do we have the man power to do so.

The neighboring cities of San Clemente, Mission Viejo, Dana Point, Aliso Viejo and Laguna Beach have also expressed concerns. They will also be affected due to the proximity of the battery location whose fire(s) will go as far as the Santa Ana winds will take them.

The Battery Location must simply be re-located to a non populated area.

Will you be vetting the people in favor of this battery location to see if they have been paid or will be financially benefiting in some way? Are they people who even live in the area or are they from other counties or states?

Lastly, this location will be a terrorist dream come true due to the adjacent hill top public trails.

We sincerely implore you to DENY the Lithium Battery Storage Application for the San Juan Capistrano location.

Respectfully,
Vieda & Don Cantacessi