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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL and ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING  
Compass Energy Storage Project (SCH 2025020184)

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# **OPPOSE**

## **Notice of Anticipated Litigation**

### **Cease & Desist**

**I OPPOSE** THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY LITHIUM-ION BESS FACILITIES NEAR EXISTING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES BECAUSE:

1. RESIDENTS IN SAN CLEMENTE NEIGHBORHOODS IDENTIFIED AS BEING LOCATED IN HIGH RISK FIRE ZONES ARE BEING DENIED THE ABILITY TO INSURE THEIR EXISTING PROPERTIES AS A RESULT OF THE **PROPOSED** SANDPIPER BESS PROJECT EVEN THOUGH THE PROJECT IS STILL **“UNDER REVIEW”**; AND **NOT YET APPROVED**. THE PROPOSED PLANT IS LOCATED AT 1400 EAST AVE. PICO IN THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
2. THE UPGRADING OF SDG&E's EXISTING 138 kVOLT RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINES TO 200 kVOLT HIGH FREQUENCY INDUSTRIAL TRANSMISSION LINES IN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNER, DUE PROCESS OF LAW OR JUST COMPENSATION IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

- BOTH THE BESS BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT AND SDG&E's ABOVE GROUND 200 kVolt HIGH FREQUENCY TRANSMISSION LINES ARE IDENTIFIED, AS **KNOWN EXTREME FIRE HAZARDS**.
- A FIVE GOVERNOR NEWSOME APPOINTED (**NOT ELECTED**) COMMISSION TAKING ACTIONS THAT ARE RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF PEOPLES ABILITY TO INSURE THEIR PROPERTY; WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FORCING PROJECTS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS **EXTREME FIRE HAZARDS** INTO ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES IS UNCONSCIONABLE.
- WITH THE SUPREME COURT DECISION TO OVERTURN THE CHEVRON DOCTRINE; INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONERS AND ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF CAN NOW BE SUED PERSONALLY FOR ANY ACTION THAT RESULTS IN HARM TO PEOPLE OR PROPERTY.

Commissioners-

January 17, 2025 at 3:01PM

CBS News by Carlos E. Castaneda Updated on **January 22, 2025**

[Link to Video](#)

County official calls huge Northern California lithium battery storage fire a **"Three Mile Island"** event for emerging industry



Monterey County officials provide update on Moss Landing lithium battery fire

## **BOTTOM LINE-**

**BESS plants are obviously now known as an EXTREME FIRE HAZARD.**

**This hearing is about the proposed Compass Energy Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano.**

**I am a resident of San Clemente in the sphere of influence of San Juan Capistrano.**

**San Clemente homeowners are having their insurance cancelled while the City of San Clemente is representing that the SandPiper project is still “under review”.**

**Do the insurance companies know something that is intentionally being kept from the Public?**

### **Loss of Insurance**

A good friend of mine called Congressman Mike Levin's office and informed them that she was a single mom and her homeowners insurance cancellation last November (7 months ago) was very hard to deal with and that if the SandPiper BESS plant were built she would have to move. No place would insure her except for “last chance” CA Fair Plan at a cost of 33% more than she was paying before. Not to mention that she had lost her job due to layoffs at the same time.

Congressman Levin's office informed her that they were not aware of any BESS plant coming to San Clemente.

- San Clemente is the last City in Orange County.
- Through re-districting we have ended up with Mike Levin as our U.S. Representative to Congress.
- He lives in and represents San Diego County.
- The redistricting was intentional; and left San Clemente without any effective representation.

## **Lack of Representation on the Commission**

When an appointed (unelected) Commissioner makes the decision to put entire communities in

harm's way then it is the State of California that is liable for the damage it has created through its

Appointees.

**March 3, 2023** Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Agenda Item #25 OC PUBLIC WORKS

25. Receive and file County of Orange General Plan Progress Report and Housing Element Implementation; and authorize Director or designee to submit report to California Department of Housing and Community Development and Governor's Office of Planning and

Research - All Districts

52143 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED; AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED STAFF TO REVISE GENERAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER

MATTERS, **THE CHALLENGES OF MEETING THE STATE'S RHNA**

**ALLOCATIONS DUE TO THE STATE'S FIRE PREVENTION MAPS THAT ARE PREVENTING HOMEOWNER INSURANCE POLICIES FROM BEING ISSUED.**

[Minutes](#)

[Agenda Staff Report](#)

[Attachment "A"](#) State of California GOVERNMENT CODE Section 65400

[Attachment "B"](#) General Plan Progress Report and Housing Element Implementation 2022

[Rancho Mission Viejo Community & Contiguous Area Disclosure Statement](#)

Board Audio Agenda Item #25:

Starts at: [1:04:59](#)

Supervisor Katrina Foley: [1:32:56](#)

➤ Inability for Rancho Mission Viejo Developers to get Fire Insurance is

delaying the County's ability to meet its housing element requirements because everything is stalled because the fire maps that have come out are making it difficult for homeowners and Developers to get insurance.

- District 3 and District 5 are almost entirely in the red zone.
  - 3rd District: Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, Orange, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Yorba Linda, and the unincorporated areas.
  - 5th District: The cities of Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, a large portion of Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach, **San Clemente**, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel
- The building at Rancho Mission Viejo has stopped until we can figure out this insurance issue.
- There is a clear conflict between the State Fire Maps and the State mandate to build new housing
- The Maps are not final, they are draft maps [March 3, 2023].

Supervisor Don Wagner: [1:43:10](#)

- The RHNA Process is an utter mess. It's a disgrace and should be an embarrassment to the State of California.
- The State Auditor essentially said the numbers foisted on the entire State were essentially made up and not driven in any way by science, not driven by an actual look at what really is needed and what is do-able.

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Auditor of the State of California

# Regional Housing Needs Assessments

March 17, 2022

[The Department of Housing and Community Development  
Must Improve Its Processes to Ensure That Communities Can  
Adequately Plan for Housing](#)

- We've seen that in the numbers that have come down requiring 1.2 million units in the southern California area and at the same time State Policy is denying the opportunity to build out the infrastructure- the water, the powergrid.
- We have of course CEQA that is putting a stop to construction nevertheless these numbers remain out there. Somehow we are supposed to live with them.
- The Orange County Council of Governments is suing the State over those numbers; whether or not that lawsuit gets traction or not remains to be seen.
- There is a long way to go yet before this process is resolved.
- It is true though with things like the builders remedy out there and the State and all of the jurisdictions out there; this one included needs to take this one seriously. As evidence of taking it seriously Supervisor Foley brings up Joplin.
- We have looked at Joplin multiple times. It just doesn't work.
- We did use it to get some emergency relief during Covid and the community was very supportive of that. But that was essentially a one off. It won't work as has been demonstrated through multiple studies. It won't work now for long term housing but we do keep turning over every rock to



find ways to satisfy the increasingly unrealistic goals that the state foists upon us.

- Finally Supervisor Foley mentioned the fire maps. And again thank you to her for focusing on those. **The fire maps do have unfortunate consequences.** They also are not yet finalized. We were recently able to get the comment period on the fire maps extended so those of you who live in the Canyons that I'm privileged to represent and she is privileged to represent; **Take a look at Orange County Fire Authority's website that would give you when the comment period ends and get your comments in on that process so that those maps are accurate, reflect the real conditions on the ground and do not interfere with your ability to get insurance or the ability of anyone to do they type of construction out there that is responsive to the artificial goals set for us.**

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#### **TIMELINE IS TROUBLING:**

11/01/2024 San Clemente Homeowners Insurance is cancelled.

- Why? The Energy Commission has not even held a Public hearing about the proposed SandPiper Project for San Clemente.
- The project is still "under review".

01/22/2025 County officials call the huge Northern California lithium battery storage fire a **"Three Mile Island" event for the emerging industry.**

01/22/2025 **Orange County Board of Supervisors enacted an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on permitting large-scale Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") facilities in unincorporated Orange County.**

- Why didn't the Board place a moratorium on permitting large-scale Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") facilities in all Cities, not just unincorporated Orange County.

- It appears the County only wanted to protect the Developers of The Ranch Plan in order to meet their RHNA requirements.
- It appears they did not care about existing communities inability to get fire insurance.

Attachment



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## Memorandum

To: Robin Steiler, Clerk of the Board  
From: Vice Chair Katrina Foley, Fifth District  
Date: January 22, 2025  
RE: Supplemental Item for January 28, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting

Please add this supplemental item to the January 28, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting:

### Summary:

I request that the Board (1) enact an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on the permitting of large-scale Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") facilities in **unincorporated Orange County**, and (2) direct staff to study and draft a proposed ordinance regulating BESS facilities and to bring the same back to the Board for its consideration.

### Background:

BESS facilities are increasingly popular on a commercial scale throughout California as a means of assisting the State in both meeting its clean power production goals and addressing the ability of the electrical grid to serve all customers in times of high energy demand. The State has enacted regulations for BESS and small-scale energy storage

projects, including establishing an opt-in certification system through the California Energy Commission for certain BESS facilities.

However, most local jurisdictions, including the County, have yet to adopt and enact local regulations. BESS facilities, specifically those that rely on lithium-ion batteries, carry with them increased fire risks. BESS facilities in California have been involved in 10 fires since September 2021, with one incident igniting in the City of Santa Ana in 2024, two igniting in San Diego, and most recently, a serious fire in Monterey in January 2025. Most of these fires were not in high fire risk areas, yet they still impacted the local community and forced evacuations.

As the most recent fires in Monterey in 2025 and San Diego in 2024 demonstrate, fires involving BESS facilities carry with them specific challenges for firefighters as well as concerns about

toxic fumes being released by fires. These concerns are compounded for lithium-ion BESS facilities, because lithium-ion batteries are known to occasionally spontaneously ignite through a process known as “thermal runaway,” which can occur when a battery is overcharged, damaged, or exposed to high temperatures. The fires that broke out at the 250-Megawatt (MW) Gateway Energy Storage facility in San Diego in May 2024 and the 350-Megawatt (MW) Moss Landing facility in Monterey demonstrate that such fires can continue to burn for days on end and can even reignite after fire crews believe the blaze to be under control.

In the last year, two incorporated Orange County cities [San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Niguel] enacted moratoria on BESS facilities within their jurisdictional limits to address these concerns through local regulations. Both these cities are surrounded by open space and high fire hazard severity areas.

At present, the County has no regulations specific to BESS facilities, and would require time to coordinate with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) to study and draft such regulations. After the seventh driest December on record, all of Orange County is now classified as being in a severe drought by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association’s (NOAA) National Integrated Drought Information System. Drought conditions have been exacerbated since the beginning of the year by multiple incidents of high wind conditions, which have in turn led to multiple fire ignitions,

with the largest fires being the Eaton and Palisades fires in Los Angeles County, which left tens of thousands of people homeless. Since January 1, 2025, alone, there have been at least five separate fires in Orange County reported to OCFA which risked rapid spread in high wind conditions, along with numerous other, smaller fire ignitions throughout the County. Additionally, much of unincorporated Orange County has been identified by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as a high or very high fire hazard severity zone.

In the last six months, the County has received two separate inquiries regarding its regulations for BESS facilities from **developers interested in pursuing such facilities**. Given the current fire prone conditions, the risks posed by BESS facilities, and the County's lack of specific BESS facility regulations, I ask that the Board of Supervisors approve the following recommended actions at our January 28, 2025, meeting. The proposed Urgency Ordinance is consistent with existing State regulation.

Recommended Action Items:

1. Waive reading of the title of Urgency Ordinance and Adopt, by four-fifths vote, Urgency Ordinance placing a moratorium on BESS facilities in **unincorporated Orange County** and find that the adoption of the Urgency Ordinance is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
2. Direct OC Public Works to coordinate with OCFA in studying and drafting regulations on BESS facilities for the Board's consideration.
3. Direct OC Public Works, in coordination with OCFA, to issue a report to the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration of the Urgency Ordinance or any extension thereof describing the measures taken or recommending measures to alleviate the hazardous conditions related to BESS facilities.

Attachment — Draft Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Large Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems

cc: Members of the Board of Supervisors Michelle Aguirre, Interim CEO

Kevin Onuma, Interim Director, OC Public Works

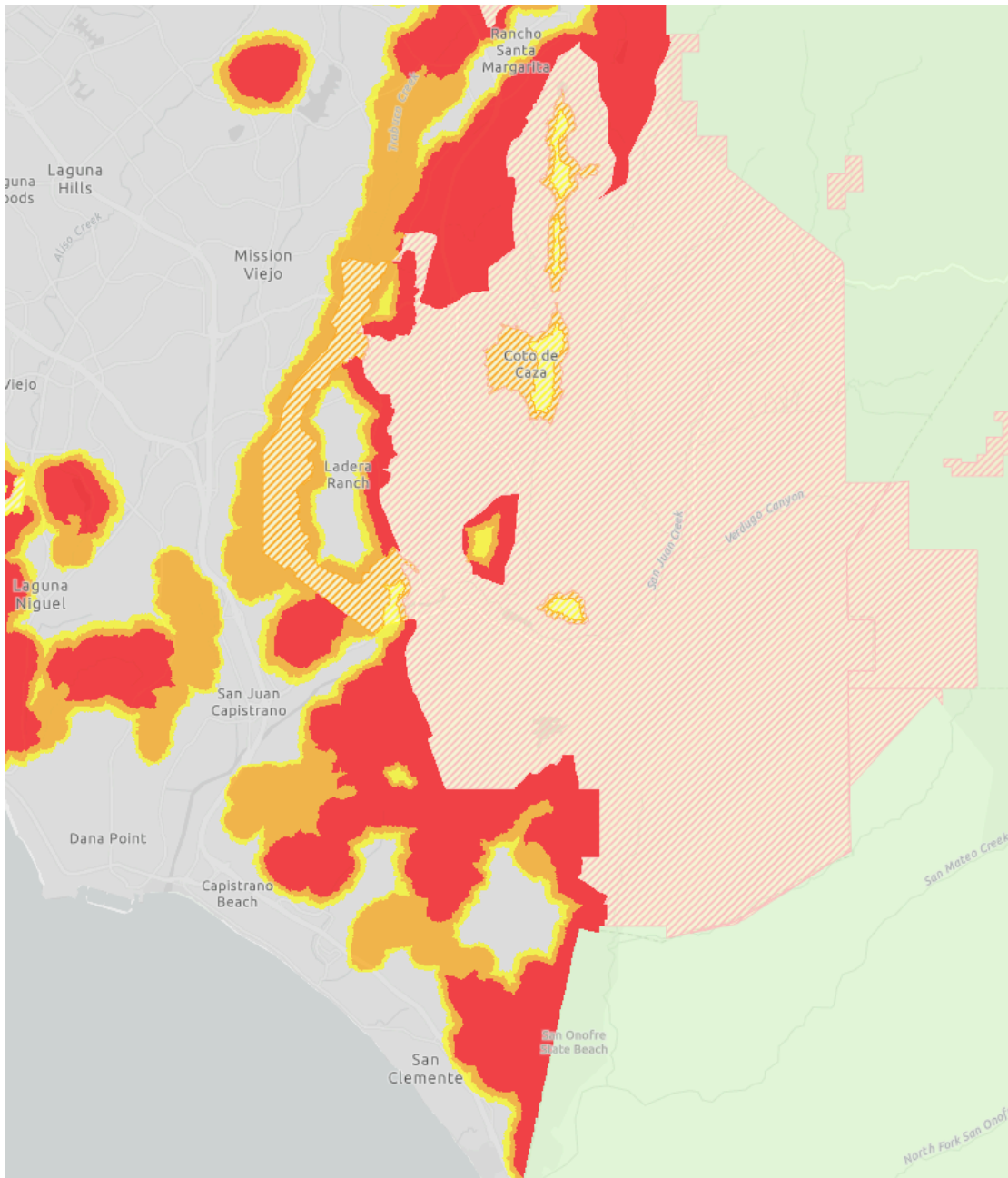
Justin Kirk, Deputy Director, Development Services, OC Public Works

**ALL CONSTRUCTION OF BESS PLANTS SHOULD HAVE STOPPED ON  
JANUARY 22, 2025 UNTIL THE TECHNOLOGY IS PROVEN TO BE SAFE.**

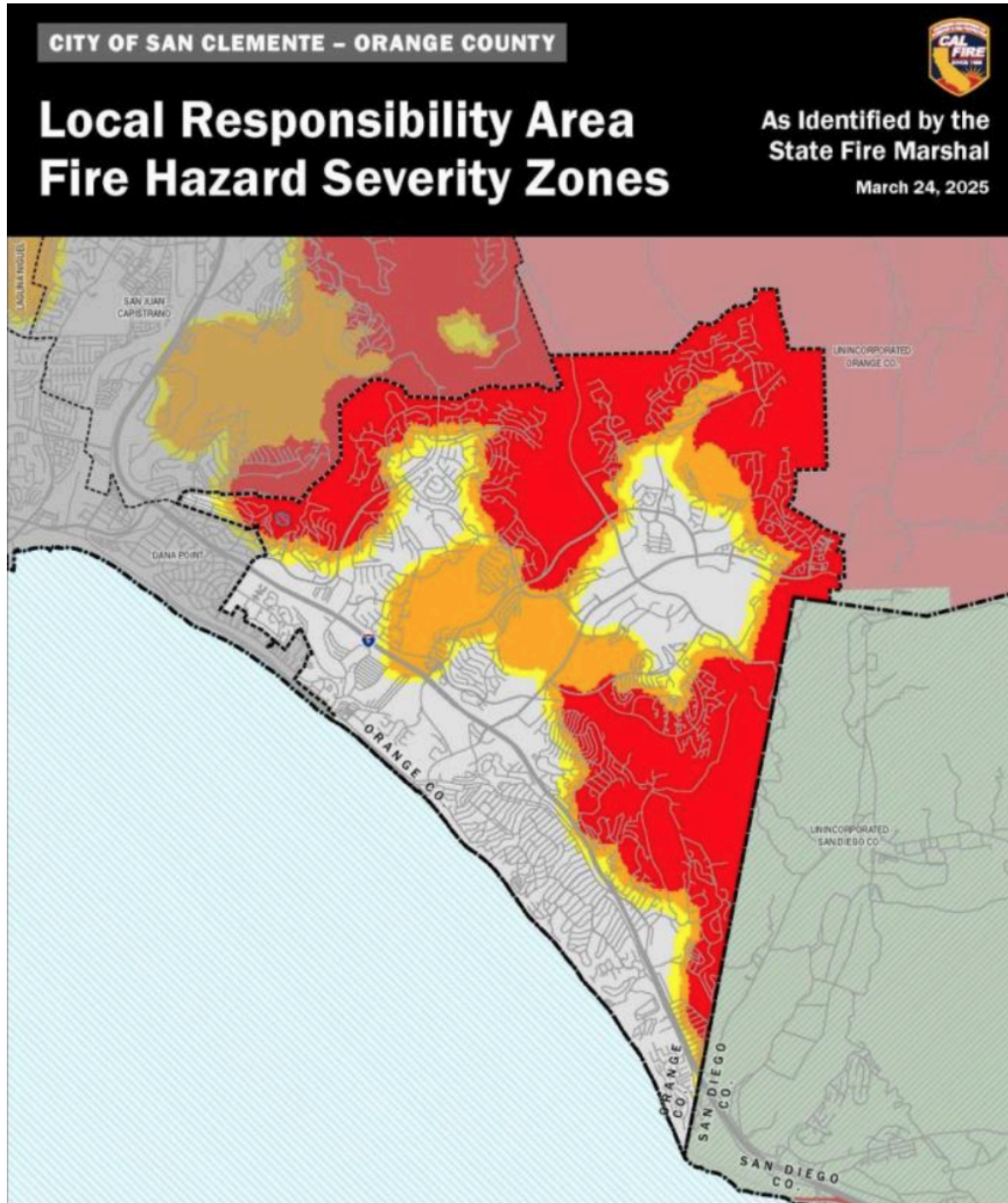
06/01/2025 The Energy Commission is holding Public Hearings to install a lithium- ion Battery Storage Project in San Juan Capistrano **knowing that the technology is not safe?**

**A YES vote on this project is irresponsible and actionable.**

CALFIRE [Fire Hazard Severity Zone Viewer](#).







The Tressels Neighborhood located between the I-5 and the San Clemente Golf Course was never considered a high fire risk because that neighborhood borders Camp Pendleton. These maps do not reflect the fact that the Camp Pendleton Fire

Department (CPFD) does contribute to lowering the fire risk for San Clemente residents. While Camp Pendleton is a separate entity, the CPFD plays a role in fire prevention and suppression, which benefits neighboring communities like San Clemente.

Here's how Camp Pendleton's fire management efforts help reduce fire risk for San Clemente:

**Live-fire training areas:**

Camp Pendleton has extensive live-fire training ranges, which can generate vegetation fires. However, the base implements strict regulations and monitoring to minimize the potential for fires to escape containment.

**Fire Breaks:**

The base maintains and utilizes fire breaks, which are cleared areas designed to prevent the spread of fire. These breaks help contain fires within designated areas, reducing the risk of them jumping over to San Clemente.

**Fire-related information:**

Camp Pendleton provides information to the public, including residents of San Clemente, about fire risks and potential closures of live-fire training areas during high-risk conditions, like those with Santa Ana winds.

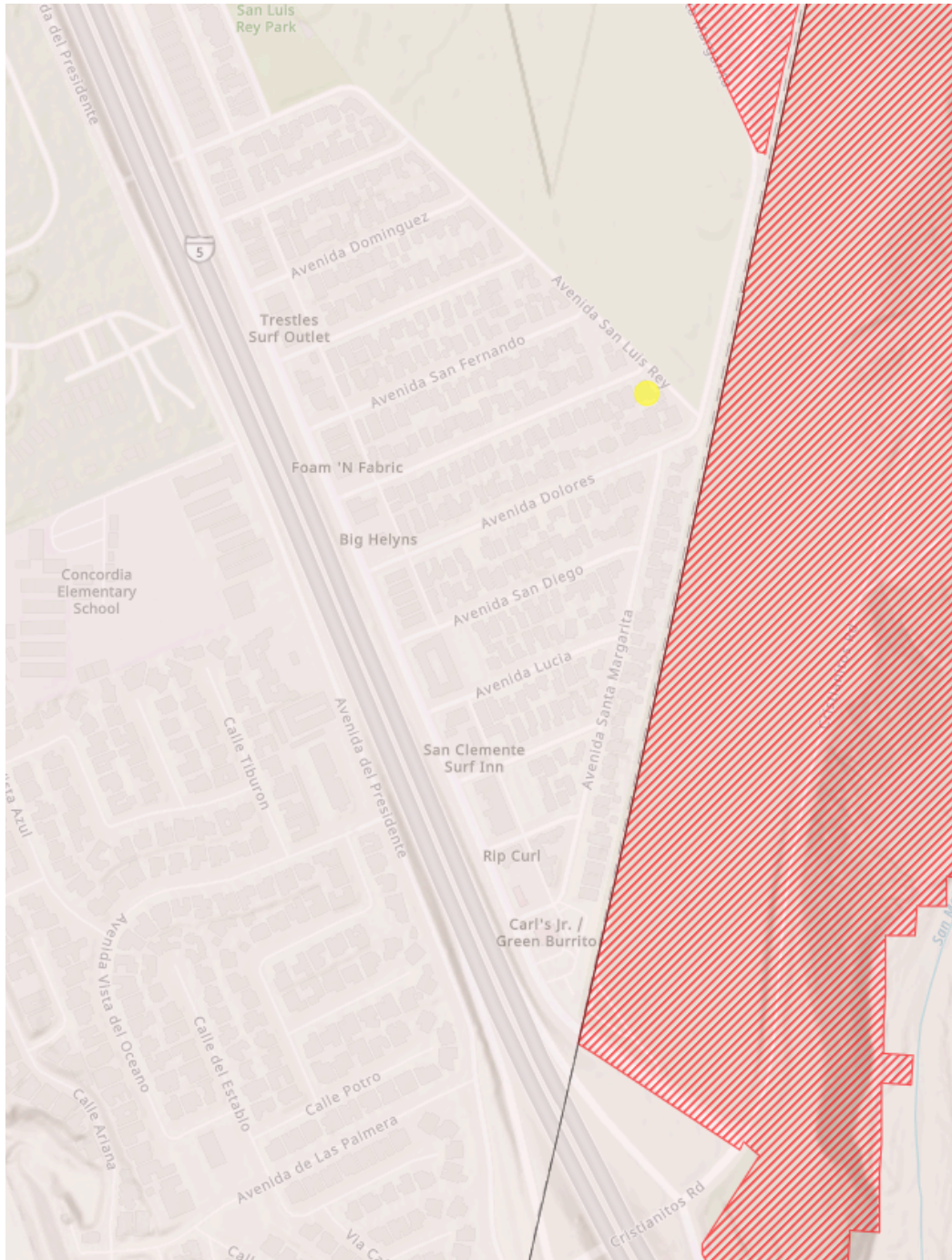
**Collaboration with local authorities:**

The CPFD collaborates with local fire authorities and the City of San Clemente to minimize fire-related risks, including noise and vibration from training activities.

**Full-service fire department:**

The CPFD is a full-service department with robust firefighting capability, including specialized equipment like Type III engines and aerial ladder trucks, which can be deployed to assist in larger fires, including those that may affect San Clemente.

In essence, while Camp Pendleton's activities contribute to the potential for fires, the fire department's proactive measures and collaboration with local authorities **significantly reduce the risk for neighboring communities like San Clemente.**





## FINANCIAL DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Every San Clemente homeowner who has already had their insurance cancelled as a result of the changes to the Fire Maps has been financially damaged.

- The cost of a California FAIR Plan policy, the state's last-resort insurance option, can vary, but an average estimate is around \$3,200 per year.
- If you also purchase a Difference in Conditions (DIC) policy to supplement the FAIR Plan's coverage, the combined cost will likely exceed the price of a comparable standard home insurance policy.
- This is significantly higher than the average cost of a standard California home insurance policy, which is roughly \$1,429 for \$300,000 in dwelling coverage.
- Coverage for a \$1 million dollar home in San Clemente would be three times the \$1,429 or \$4,287.00

plus

The Cost of the Fair Plan Policy \$3,200.00

Total Cost per year \$7,287.00

**An increase of \$2,428 per year per homeowner**

Using my friend as an example.

**She has been damaged because the Government caused her insurance rates to increase by 33% since Nov 2024.**

- 17,943 properties; (87%) of properties in San Clemente are now at risk because of the erroneous change in the Fire Maps.
- \$2,428 per year X 17,943 properties = \$43,565,604

**FORTY THREE MILLION - FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND - SIX HUNDRED AND FOUR DOLLARS** in actionable damages to San Clemente Residents just since Nov 2024. **And the San Clemente Plant is “still under review”.**

An unnecessary hit to the San Clemente economy of \$45 million per year as a result of the vote by five appointed **(not elected)** Commissioners.

### **Is the Government intentionally putting Communities at Risk?**

What happened to Palisades and Alta DIna was intentional. It is a massive land grab by Developers

As an example-

#### **Altadena:**

**High percentage of sales:** A significant portion of burned lots in Altadena have been sold, with 69% either sold or in escrow.

**Corporate and developer interest:** Many of these sales have been to corporations and developers seeking to capitalize on the opportunity.

#### **Pacific Palisades:**

##### **Slower sales rate:**

Compared to Altadena, the Pacific Palisades has seen a slower sales rate, with only 19% of listed lots being in escrow or sold.

##### **High prices:**

Land in the Palisades is selling at high prices, potentially discouraging some developers from large-scale purchases.

### **SDG&E/SEMPRA**

The Fire Risk increases substantially when you also consider the SDG&E's required upgrade of transmission lines from 138 kVolts to 230 kVolts that are required for the BESS. **Unfortunately these lines are being upgraded before the Approval of the BESS projects without the knowledge and consent of the property owners and without due process of law or just compensation.**

# Statement of Facts

1. On May 26, 2025 I served the following entities with a [Cease and Desist letter](#) which the Energy Commission should be made aware of prior to any further decisions on the San Juan Capistrano BESS or the upcoming San Clemente BESS.
  - City of San Clemente
  - Sempra/ SDG&E [a Canadian Controlled Company]
  - FTCA Foothill Transportation Corridor Agency
  - OCTA Orange County Transportation Authority
  - OC Board of Supervisors
  - OC LACFO
2. The City of San Clemente has represented to the People of San Clemente the following:
  - The Amazon Fulfillment Center “Project Summer” has been cancelled.
  - The SandPiper Lithium-ion Battery Storage Plant is currently “under review.”
  - The City has made no mention of SDG&E’s (SCORE) Project.
3. In March of 2025 when I saw SDG&E's installation of a new 200 kV high frequency transmission pole and line installed down the street from my home. I did the research and on March 4, 2025 I wrote the City of San Clemente a CEASE and DESIST letter.
4. Several days before the scheduled installation of a main transmission line on my property SDG&E sent a notice canceling the March installation.
5. I recently received a second notice from SDG&E notifying me that the installation was now scheduled for May 28, 2025.
6. SDG&E did work that day on the lines going behind the homes but not on the main Transmission lines. They only replaced one pole behind my home at the

bottom of my street. I live at the top of the Street across from the San Clemente Golf Course (a great place to bury the lines underground)

7. The City of San Clemente is not being transparent about the infrastructure projects that are being constructed on behalf of AMAZON.
8. In fact they are Conspiring Against the Rights of the People of San Clemente to complete infrastructure projects on behalf of AMAZON that are destructive and harmful to the People of San Clemente.
9. You should be made aware of the fact that from 2016 - present Former City Mayor and current Councilmember Victor Cabral has accepted \$145 million dollars in lobbying fees from AMAZON while in Office through his lobbying firm Cabal Group LLC.
10. I notified the Council of this illegal Violation of his Oath of Office, and his Conflict of Interest. I asked them to force his resignation which they did not do.
11. I also reminded them that he must recuse himself from voting on any AMAZON related projects which he has not done.
12. Now the entire City Council and staff are complicit in a Violation of their Oath of Office and in a violation of 18 U.S.C. 241 Conspiracy Against Rights.

## **CHEVRON DOCTRINE**

13. The Supreme Court's overturn of the Chevron Doctrine

### **What was the Chevron Deference?**

The Chevron Doctrine, established in the 1984 case Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. NRDC, required courts to give deference to agency interpretations of ambiguous federal laws. This meant that if a statute was silent or ambiguous on a specific issue, a court would uphold the agency's reasonable interpretation of that statute.

**Loper Bright Decision:**

In the case of [Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo](#), the Supreme Court overturned the Chevron Doctrine in a 6-3 decision, with Chief Justice Roberts writing the majority opinion. The Court held that Chevron was inconsistent with the judiciary's constitutional obligation to interpret the law and with the Administrative Procedure Act.

**Impact of the Ruling:**

This decision fundamentally changes the administrative law landscape.

1. It reduces the power of federal agencies to interpret the laws they administer and
2. It shifts the responsibility of legal interpretation back to the courts.

This could lead to greater judicial scrutiny of agency actions and potentially more challenges to regulations.

**Implications for Regulated Industries:**

Regulated industries are likely to see new opportunities to challenge agency actions. The ruling could also lead to more litigation and uncertainty in the regulatory process.

**Future of Chevron Deference:**

While the Supreme Court has eliminated Chevron deference, courts may still consider agency interpretations, especially if they are well-reasoned or long-standing. However, they will no longer be bound by the principle of deference to agency interpretations of ambiguous statutes.

14. This means the 4th unelected branch of Government (the Administrative Agencies and Commissions) can now be held personally liable for their individual actions against the Constitutional and Inalienable GOD given rights of the People to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

15. It is my intention to hold the City of San Clemente, et al liable for any damages that San Clemente residents will suffer as a result of co-conspirators unlawful actions.
16. San Clemente is a completely built out City encapsulated by mountains, watersheds, a state park, a land conservancy, a national forest, a famous surfing beach, a military base, a coastal zone, a commuter railway, a nuclear power plant, a landfill, and most recently the Trampas Canyon Dam Complex.
17. The City of San Clemente lists the SandPiper Lithium-ion battery plant as a project that is currently **“UNDER REVIEW”**.
18. The City of San Clemente makes no mention of SDG&E’s in progress above ground upgrade of electrical transmission lines from 138 kVolts (residential lines) to 200 kVolts (high frequency industrial lines).
19. The City has no need for this type of upgrade unless it is to accommodate the AMAZON Fulfillment Center and its required infrastructure projects.
20. It is unconscionable that the City of San Clemente would allow SDG&E to begin work on the replacement of transmission lines on behalf of AMAZON in the front yards of existing homes and businesses without lawful notice, due process of law or the knowledge and consent of the Property Owner.
21. The City informed the People of San Clemente that the AMAZON Fulfillment Center aka “Project Summer” is a **“CANCELLED PROJECT”**.
22. That is now a legal issue for the City of San Clemente because Co-conspirators are engaged in a FRAUD upon the People of San Clemente.
23. Co-conspirators are taking actions that are resulting in the loss of People’s ability to insure their property while at the same time placing a facility that is a known fire threat next to their homes and businesses.

24. As a result; the People of San Clemente are putting Co-conspirators on Notice that if Commissioners vote YES to approve this project they will be held financially liable for any:

- damage to property of San Clemente Residents;
- financial damages related to loss of a home or business; and
- financial damages linked to increased costs related to AMAZON's Project Summer and associated infrastructure projects such as an increase in Insurance costs, Water rate increases, and Sewer rate increases.

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Electronic Signature

June 4, 2025

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Commissioner 2012- present

Appointed by Governor Brown to the environmental seat at the California Energy Commission in February of 2012.

Focused on renewable energy issues within the purview of the CEC. Appointed by the Chair of the Energy Commission to serve on power plant siting cases, including the Hidden

Hills and Palen solar thermal generation projects

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### **Solaria Corporation:** (2012- present)

High Power Solar Panels- All Black Solar Panels US residential solar company Complete

Solaria will change its name to SunPower, resurrecting the name of one of the

longest-running US solar companies, which folded last year. Complete Solaria acquired parts

of SunPower's business late last year following the latter's declaration of Chapter 11

bankruptcy

**San Francisco Public Utilities** Commissioner 2007 -2008



**PV Now**

Executive Director (2006 - 2007) Directed national consortium of leading solar manufacturers focused on developing and promoting state policies to bring solar energy into the mainstream.

**Vote Solaria**

Co-Founder and Director of Policy (2001- 2006)

Co-founder the 60,000 member environmental organization, which advocates with state governments across the country to implement policies to promote solar energy.

**City & County of San Francisco**

Special Assistant to Willie Brown (1999 - 2001) SF Bay Area

Responsible for working with constituent groups on parks and open space issues. Launched a citywide \$100 million initiative to put solar panels on public buildings.

**The Presidents Award**

Program Director (1996 - 1997) Developed training courses for President Nelson Mandela's empowerment program for young adults in a Xhosa township in Port Alfred, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

**CORO (Northern California)**

Fellow Public Affairs (1995)

Cybersecurity made easy for Learn IT Teams

Education

**HARVARD**

Master's Degree in Public Policy (1995)

**SWATHMORE COLLEGE**

(1989 - 1993)

Activities & Societies: Class President

**Honors & Awards****Trailblazer Award**

Issued by Sierra Club Jan 2010

Associated with Solaria Corporation

**True Solar Champion Award**

Issued by US Department of Energy associated with Solaria Corporation

**Clean Air Hero Award**

Issued by the American Lung Association Jan 2002 Associated with Vote Solar June 1999

**Carballo Award** Jan 1999 Associated with Harvard

**Lang Scholar** Jan 1993

Associated with Swarthmore College

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**SIVA GUNDA**  
**Vice Chair**  
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM  
2017 - present

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**California Energy Commission**

- Commissioner, Vice Chair Sep 2021 - present
- Commissioner, Feb 2021 - Sep 2021
- Deputy Director, Energy Assessments Division  
Sep 2018 - Feb 2021
- Manager, Demand Analysis Office  
Mar 2017 - Sept 2018

Lead Commissioner for:

- Energy Assessments
- Energy Reliability
- Long-term Electricity Planning (Implementation of Senate Bill 100)
- Demand Analysis (Forecasting and Scenarios)
- Data Initiatives

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**Surya Institute**

Founding Director

Jan 2017 - present

Visakhapatnam, India

Support all developmental activities of the institute, including:

- Organizational vision, missions, values & structure
- Strategy
- Team and partnership building
- Coordinate development and launch of all programs

**University of California Davis** 10 yrs 7 mos

- **Director of India Initiatives**, UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute  
Aug 2017 to Mar 2018 · 8 mos Davis, California
- **Director of Research and India Initiatives**, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center  
Mar 2017 - Aug 2017 6 mos Davis, California
- **Director of Research**, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center  
Apr 2015 to Mar 2017 · 2 yrs Davis, CA

Reporting directly to the center's executive director, responsible for the, management of day to day operations of the center; planning, organizing and directing the development, design and implementation of all activities related to sponsored research projects involving five core sectors:

- building data analytics,
- market research & analysis,
- education & training, engineering services
- multi-stakeholder engagement events; and
- support the development of the strategic research direction of the center.

Key essential responsibilities include:

- Support the Management of Center's Day to Day Operations
  - Research Portfolio Management and Leadership
  - Development of strategic partnerships and projects
  - Development of new market transformation strategies to achieve the mission of EEC
  - Outreach and Stewardship
- **Program Manager**, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center  
Oct 2011 to Mar 2015 · 3 yrs 6 mos Davis, CA  
Continuing to build on the previous role as a project manager, other contributions included:
    - Serve as Project Manager on two large, multi-year and complex projects funded separately by California Energy Commission (CEC PIER) and Doris Duke Charitable Foundation aimed at developing turn-key retrofit packaged solutions specifically for Multi-Tenant Light Commercial (MTLC) Buildings. The projects involved defining and benchmarking the MTLC market segment, develop technology and financial solutions, pilot test the bundled technology solutions, develop implementation models for the deployment of solutions into the market place and disseminate lessons learned to a broad array of stakeholders across the country.

- Manage the Emerging Venture Analyst Program: Manage all aspects of the program including the structure of the program, recruit and mentor up to 20 students annually and create the educational material, framework and opportunities for the students; Conduct educational seminars by engaging campus experts as well as industry experts
- Develop and manage the “Commercial Building Audit Program” in partnership with the California Conservation Corps (CCC), Sierra College, industry experts from CLTC, WCEC and CWEE Led the development of building audit forms, resources and training curriculum aimed at small commercial buildings, specifically K-12 schools.
- Research and publications: Develop white papers, submit & present research findings at conferences and develop journal publications on research conducted at the center
- Other miscellaneous activities: Grant writing and other fund raising activities; Coordinate and assist on all aspects of the center’s public events; Assist sister centers with seminars, outreach and other activities.

➤ **Project Manager**, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center

Sept 2009 - Sep 2011 (2 yrs 1 mos) Davis California

Primary responsibilities were to assist later-stage researchers in developing and designing innovative energy efficient technologies and in bringing these technologies to market. Projects included:

- Develop the idea for, manage and deliver on the center’s Market Assessment Assistance Program (MAAP) that involved EEC students in developing market assessment reports for emerging technologies in partnership with SCE, PG&E and SMUD. Responsible for overall business development of the program including attracting industry clients, marketing and outreach of the program; Development of the methodology, framework and tools to conduct market research and proofs of concept on research ideas;
- Stochastic Market Diffusion and forecasting Tool for emerging technologies in Excel – Developed a stochastic market potential forecasting tool for emerging technologies that implemented Monte Carlo simulation into Generalized Bass Model and E3 Calculator.
- Principal Agent Problem in Campus Computing Efficiency – UC Davis case study: The project is geared towards estimating and developing strategies to reduce the UC-Davis campus wide computing energy usage. Results of the study were presented at ACEEE.
- Developed Business Plans for several emerging technologies including:
  - WicKool, which is an easy to install add-on retrofit for Roof Top Air-conditioning units (RTUs) that help evaporate condensate to improve overall RTU efficiency. (Collaboration with the Western Cooling Efficiency Center).

- CEDR, which is a Cost-Effective Demand Response System that helps reduce lighting loads in commercial buildings. (Collaboration with the California Lighting Technology Center).
  - Support teaching the class titled “D-Lab1: Overview of Design and development” with Dr. Kornbluth. The class focuses on educating graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of energy harvesting and efficiency using several socio-economic and technology tools pertinent to use in developing countries.
- **Emerging Venture Analyst**, UC Davis Energy Efficiency Center  
 Sep 2007 to Aug 2009 · 2 yrs Davis, California
- Working with key market players including the
    - Utilities,
    - Larger Energy Customers,
    - Regulators and
    - Financing Institution,
  - developed business plans and business and market opportunity reports on promising emerging technologies in
    - HVAC,
    - lighting and
    - controls technology categories.
  - Involved in conducting all necessary market, business and technical research necessary as well as developing presentation, reporting and publication materials on several technologies.

## **PG&E**

Jun 2008 - Sep 2008 · 4 mos San Francisco Bay Area

- **Emerging Technologies Intern, HVAC Portfolio**
- Worked within the HVAC group of the Emerging Technologies team. Primary responsibilities included development of "market opportunity reports" on several emerging HVAC technologies (equipment, controls) that were of interest in residential, commercial and industrial sectors. The report development typically involved conducting technical and market research on the technologies through secondary and primary data collection.

## **California Air Resources Board.**

Research Intern - Low Carbon Fuel Standard Portfolio

Nov 2007 - June 2008 Sacramento California

- Worked as a part of the Stationary Sources Division at CARB during the implementation phase of California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard.
- Primary responsibility included development of presentations and other visual content translating the life cycle and well-to-wheels (WTW) analysis results of various alternate fuels (specifically Ethanol) for public hearings.
  - Responsibilities also included verification of the accuracy of methodologies and

validity of assumptions used in the models on which the results were based.

## **California Fuel Cell Partnership**

### **GE Energy**

Product Structuring Intern

May 2001 - Sept 2002 1 yr 5 mos Albany, New York Area

- Worked on a variety of engineering projects within the Steam Turbines, Product Structuring Group at GE Energy previously known as GE Power Systems. Key Projects:
  - Supported the Modeling Team in developing CAD models of turbine blades and components in Unigraphics.
  - Developed component template for “Spill Strip” for the Automated Steam Path Layout system.
  - Automated the generation of steam turbine structure charts for handling component choices.
  - Trained the New Engineering Interns in the usage of GE-PS integrated tools.
  - Automated processes for Part Classification, Components Selection Logics, and AutoBOM (Bill of Materials) generation.
  - Analyzed Product Structure for re-use and ready-use applications interacting between the ‘Manufacturing’ and ‘Applications’ teams.
  - Involved in 5 six-sigma projects aimed at improving reliability of the interdependence between scheduling and actual manufacturing teams.
  - Created VBA macros in EXCEL to automate data management and validation.

### **(BIO) UC Davis Energy & Efficiency Institute**

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Siva Gunda is Director of Research and the India Initiative at the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute. He supports the oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Institute as well as the development of its research agenda. Gunda is also currently leading two of the Institute’s strategic initiatives: one focused on development of a data platform and the other on development of research collaborations in India. Prior to joining the EEI, he worked at General Electric, California Fuel Cell Partnership, PG&E and the California Air Resources Board. Gunda has been an:

- Edison International Energy Efficiency Fellow,
- UC Irvine International Sustainability Fellow and a
- UC Davis Center for Entrepreneurship Business Development Fellow.
- He is a UC Davis PhD candidate in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering with a focus on alternate energy systems.

## EDUCATION

- **University of California, Davis** 2008 - Dec 2021  
Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Mechanical Engineering, Energy systems and Management
    - Activities and societies: Hydrogen Production Lab, Bio-Automation Lab, Energy Efficiency Center
    - Dissertation Topic: Effect of acoustics on the performance of Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells.
  - **University of California, Davis - Graduate School of Management** 2007 - 2008  
Business Development Certification, Entrepreneurship and Technology Management
    - Activities and societies: Big Bang Business Plan Competition, California Clean Tech Open
  - **Utah State University** 2000 - 2003  
Master of Science - MS, Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
  - **Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering** (Autonomous) 1996 - 2000  
B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering
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**NOEMI OTILIA OSUNA GALLARDO**  
**Commissioner**  
APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM  
February 2023 - present  
As Attorney Member

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### (BIO)

Noemí Otilia O. Gallardo, 45, of Plumas Lake, has been appointed to the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy Commission).

## **California Energy Commission**

Chief of Staff for CEC Chair David Hochschild (2022- 2023)

Public Advisor to the Commission (2019 - 2022)

Lead Commissioner for

- Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection (STEP)

- Lithium Valley
- Geothermal Resources Development Account (GRDA)
- California Automated Permit Processing Program (CalAPP)
- Solar Equipment Lists
- Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG)
- Energy Equity and Environmental Justice
- Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards
- Audit Committee
- Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)

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### **Sunrun Inc.**

Senior Manager of Public Policy (2017 - 2019)

**Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund,**  
 Program fellow (2015 - 2016)

### **Gallardo Law & Policy Consulting**

Owner and Consultant (2013 -2016)

### **Greenlining Institute**

Energy and Telecommunications Legal Fellow (2012- 2013)

**Public Law Research Institute at the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (UC Law SF, formerly known as UC Hastings).**

Principal investigator

### **Voz Interpreting**

Owner and Interpreter (2003 - 2009)

## EDUCATION

First-generation college graduate

- **University of Southern California**  
 Master of Public Policy degree in Urban and Social Policy



➤ **University of California, Hastings College of the Law.**

Juris Doctor degree

➤ **Pepperdine University.**

Bachelor of Arts degree

She is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and a proud mother of two.

The commissioner is available for interviews and speaking engagements in English and Spanish.

This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$170,464.

Gallardo is a Democrat.

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**J. ANDREW MCALLISTER, Ph.D.**

**Commissioner**

Economist

Appointed 2012

Reappointed 2017

Reappointed 2022

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([BIO](#)) ([LinkedIn](#))

Andrew McAllister was first appointed to the California Energy Commission in 2012, and in 2022 was reappointed by Governor Newsom to a third term.

**California Energy Commission**

The California Energy Commission is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency. Created by the Legislature in 1974 and located in Sacramento, six basic responsibilities guide the Energy Commission as it sets state energy policy:

1. Forecasting future energy needs;
2. Promoting energy efficiency and conservation by setting the state's appliance and building efficiency standards;
3. Supporting public interest energy research that advances energy science and technology through research, development and demonstration programs;
4. Developing renewable energy resources and alternative renewable energy technologies for buildings, industry and transportation;

5. Licensing thermal power plants 50 megawatts or larger;
6. Planning for and directing state response to energy emergencies.

Commissioner McAllister's priorities include:

- decarbonization of buildings and industry;
- energy efficiency of buildings and appliances;
- load flexibility as a tool for grid optimization;
- improving access to data and analytical tools that can drive innovation at the grid edge;
- alignment of energy and housing policy & programs; and
- amplifying California's innovation-centered approach through collaboration with diverse partners beyond its borders.

Lead Commissioner For:

- Building and Appliance Efficiency Standards (T24 & T20)
- Load Management Standards
- Appliance Load Flexibility Standards
- Building Decarbonization
- Existing Buildings
- Building Energy Benchmarking Program
- Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD)
- California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39)

The commissioner is available for interviews and speaking engagements in English and Spanish.

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## **(CCSE) California Center for Sustainable Energy**

Managing Director, and Director of policy & strategy Jul 2006 - Jun 2012 (6 years) San Diego

- He guided CCSE's strategic development and program initiatives in distributed generation, building performance and other areas, and directed CCSE's efforts in California's policy and regulatory arenas.
- Oversaw CCSE's administration of high-profile energy programs, including

- the California Solar Initiative,
- Solar Water Heating Program and
- Self-Generation Incentive Program,
- as well as several energy efficiency programs.
- CCSE brings unique transparency and a mission-driven approach to the expansion of clean energy in California.

### **Energy Solutions**

Project Manager 2000 - 2002 (2 years) Oakland CA

### **NRECA International Ltd.**

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Specialist in countries in Central and South America, Southeast Asia, and Africa. La Paz, Bolivia 1992 - 1999 (7 years) La Paz Bolivia

### **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**

Energy Efficiency Analyst 1990 -1992 (2 years)

- Evaluations of energy impacts and persistence of savings from efficiency upgrades in public and assisted housing throughout the US.

### **Peace Corps**

Volunteer 1987 - 1990 (3 years)

- Costa Rica Rural Development

### **EDUCATION**

- **University of California, Berkeley**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Energy Resources 1998 - 2012

- Dartmouth College

B.A.

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**NANCY SKINNER**

**Commissioner**

Engineer/Scientist

Appointed 2025

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([BIO](#)) (LinkedIn)

Commissioner Nancy Skinner is serving her first term on the California Energy Commission (CEC). Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Skinner in January 2025 to serve as the CEC's engineer/scientist member.

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**RECENT POLITICAL CAREER**

**California State Senate 9th District**

Dec 5, 2016 - November 30, 2024

- In 2016, Skinner ran for the California State Senate to replace Senator Loni Hancock, who was termed-out of office in 2016.
- She was elected to office on November 8, 2016 and sworn in on December 5, 2016.
- In the 2017–2018 and 2019–2020 legislative sessions, she served as the Majority Whip of the state Senate.
- In the 2019 legislative session, she chaired the state Senate's Public Safety committee.
- In November 2020, Skinner won reelection to the Senate for another four-year term.

## **California State Assembly**

Member (Dec 1, 2008 - November 30, 2014)

- Considered a likely candidate for the California state Assembly as early as 2002
- Announced her candidacy in late January 2008 and was elected to the State Assembly later that year.
- She was re-elected in 2010 and 2012

## **Eastbay Regional Park Board for Ward 1**

Member (March 21, 2006 - December 1, 2008)

- Skinner was appointed to the East Bay Regional Park District board of directors in March 2006 to fill a vacancy due to the death of incumbent Jean Siri.
- She was appointed by a 6–0 vote.
- Skinner was then elected to the board in 2006 with 84% of the vote.
- The district includes parts of Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Emeryville, Kensington, Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole & Oakland

## **Berkeley City Council**

Member (1984 - 1992)

### **EARLY POLITICIAN**

Skinner attended the University of California, Berkeley, earning a

- B.S. from the U.C. Berkeley College of Natural Resources and a
- Masters in Education from the U.C. Berkeley School of Education.
- As a student, she was a leader in the Ant-Apartheid Movement,
- Served as the Academic Affairs Vice President of the ASUC, the student government,
- Founder of ASGE, the Union of Graduate Student Employees.
- Taught courses in native California plants
- Interned at the Golden Gate Natural Recreation Area

Elected to the Berkeley City Council and served from 1984 to 1992.

- The first student ever elected to the City Council.

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **Internet Fairness — AB 155:**

- Skinner pushed legislation to tax online sales that was approved in 2009 as part of the state budget.
- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the legislation.
- On January 19, 2011, Skinner introduced similar legislation in the form of AB153.
- **The bill requires out-of-state online sellers with affiliates in California to collect sales tax on purchases made by state residents.**
  - The affiliate provision was included to ensure that **only sellers with a California nexus are taxed**, as required by federal law.

- *"This legislation will close the current loophole in tax law which has allowed out-of-state companies to avoid collecting California sales and use tax," stated Skinner"*
- Skinner estimated that AB153 could produce between \$250 million and \$500 million per year in new revenue.
- She and other supporters of the bill believe that the election of Jerry Brown to the governorship and support from retailers such as Barnes & Noble will help the measure become law.

### **Red Flag Law — AB 1014**

- In 2014, Skinner authored AB 1014, which established the nation's first gun violence restraining order (GVRO), also known as the "Red Flag" law.
- GVROs allow law enforcement, family members, educators, co-workers and employers to petition a court to remove guns and ammunition from a person who poses a serious threat to themselves or others.

### **EDUCATION**

- **Childcare and PreSchool Expansion — 2014 Budget Bill:**  
As Budget Chair Skinner facilitated the largest funding increase for early childhood education in over a decade;
  - enabling the State to enroll thousands more children in preschool and
  - quality childcare.
- **Higher Ed Funding While Halting Tuition Increases — 2014 Budget Bill:** The University of California and California State University systems suffered huge recession cuts resulting in student tuition and fee increases.
  - As Budget Chair Skinner worked for a larger state allocation to UC and CSU with
  - language that would rescind the funds if UC/CSU increased student tuition.
- **Saving Energy Saving Schools — AB/SB 39:**  
Schools spend millions of dollars each year on energy, Skinner's legislation, AB/SB 39, provided every California school district Proposition 39 funds to pay for energy upgrades,
  - enabling the money saved on utility bills to go back into the classroom.
- **CalFresh for College Students — AB 1930/SB 641.**  
In 2014, Skinner authored AB 1930, which created a state working group within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to examine ways to make CalFresh more accessible to college students.
  - In 2022, Skinner authored SB 641, which required CDSS to identify the necessary changes to improve access to CalFresh for college students.<sup>[20]</sup>
- **Fair Pay to Play Act—SB 206.**

In 2019, Skinner authored a landmark law that made California the first state in the nation to enact legislation allowing college athletes to earn money from the use of their name, image, and likeness (NIL).

- The law spurred other states to pass similar laws.
- In 2021, the NCAA followed California's lead and gave NIL rights to college athletes throughout the nation.

➤ **Fair Pay to Play Act II — SB 26:**

In 2021, Skinner authored a law that expanded on SB 206, the Fair Pay to Play Act, and moved up the implementation date to Sept. 1, 2021.

- SB 26 also allowed community college athletes to earn money from their name, image, and likeness.

➤ **Ending Willful Defiance Suspensions—SB 419.**

In 2019, Skinner authored a law that "prohibits willful defiance suspensions in grades four and five.

- It also bans such suspensions in grades six through eight for five years."

➤ **Keep Kids in School—SB 274.**

In 2023, Skinner authored a follow-up law to SB 419 (2019),

- banning willful defiance suspensions in California's public high schools until 2029 and
- extending the ban on willful defiance suspensions in middle schools until 2029.

➤ **School Meals for All — SB364**

In 2021, Sen. Skinner authored SB 364, School Meals for All.

- The bill's language was included in the 2021-22 California Budget Act, making California the first state in the nation to offer two free school meals a day to all public school students.

➤ **Healthy Meals for Kids—SB 348.**

In 2023, Skinner authored a follow-up law to School Meals for All that made California the first state to codify President Joe Biden's new federal guidelines on school nutrition standards aimed at reducing sugars and salt in school meals.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

➤ **SB394 — Primary Caregiver Pretrial Diversion Act**

The bill was signed into law in October 2019.

- It allowed counties within the state to establish diversion programs for defendants who are primary caregivers of minors.
- It is supposed to reduce trauma for children would have otherwise had a parent incarcerated.
- The system in San Francisco allowed for defendants with misdemeanors and

nonviolent charges to apply.

- The successful completion of the program would drop the charges against the defendant.
- The California District Attorney's Association opposed the bill, citing potential loopholes for sex offenders.

➤ **Police Records I — SB 1421.**

In 2018, Skinner authored a landmark law that opened up certain types of police misconduct records for the first time in four decades in California.

- The records made public include reports, investigations, or findings of incidents involving the discharge of a firearm or electronic control weapons by an officer;
- strikes of impact weapons or projectiles to the head or neck area;
- deadly force or serious bodily injury by an officer;
- sustained findings of sexual assault by an officer; and
- sustained findings of dishonesty by a peace officer.

➤ **Police Records II — SB 16.**

In 2021, Skinner authored a new law that expanded on SB 1421 to include other the types police records on officers with a history of

- biased or discriminatory behavior,
- unlawful arrests and searches, or
- excessive or unreasonable force

➤ **Felony Murder Reform — SB 1437.**

In 2018, Skinner authored a new law reforming California's felony murder rule to ensure that people convicted of murder actually committed murder or were active participants in the killing.

- The law also allowed individuals previously sentenced on a theory of felony murder to petition for resentencing.

➤ **Expanding Eligibility for Peace Officers — SB 960.**

In 2022, Skinner authored a new law that removed the rule preventing CA law enforcement from hiring noncitizens

- who have full legal work authorization and
- meet all other requirements to serve as peace officers

## CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Naming Eastshore State Park after Save the Bay Founder — AC 55:**

California's 8.5-mile (13.7 km) ribbon of parkland along the eastern side of San Francisco Bay is now named after Save the Bay co-founder Sylvia McLaughlin due to Skinner, a worthy recognition of her significant leadership.



➤ **Energy Storage — AB 2514.**

In 2010, Skinner authored a groundbreaking law that launched California's world-leading effort to create large-scale battery storage to reduce the state's reliance on fossil fuel power plants.

- By 2024, California led the nation in large-scale energy storage

➤ **Banning Oil Price Gouging — SBX 1-2.**

In 2023, Skinner authored a groundbreaking law sponsored by Governor Gavin Newsom that created the strongest and most effective transparency measures in the nation to ensure that oil companies do not price gouge Californians at the gas pump.

## HOUSING

➤ **Housing Crisis Act of 2019 — SB 330.**

In 2019, Skinner authored SB 330, a law designed to boost housing construction in California by

- slashing the time to get new developments approved and
- banning local governments from imposing population and housing caps through 2025.

➤ **Housing Crisis Act II — SB 8.**

In 2021, Skinner authored SB 8, a law that extended the provisions of SB 330 to 2030

➤ **Housing Accountability Act — SB 167.**

In 2017, Skinner authored SB 167, a law that strengthened California's Housing Accountability Act by increasing legal penalties levied on cities that illegally block housing

➤ **Foreclosed and Vacant Homes — SB 1079.**

In 2020, Skinner authored SB 1079, a law that gave cities and counties tools to prevent corporations from keeping homes vacant and awarded tenants the right of first refusal to buy foreclosed properties.

## GENDER, ABORTION and LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

➤ **Shield Law Protecting Medication Abortion & Gender Affirming Care—SB 345.**

In 2023, Skinner authored a landmark law providing legal protections for California health care practitioners who

- provide or dispense medication or
- other services for abortion, contraception or gender-affirming care,
- regardless of their patient's location.

## CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

- **The Climate Group**  
United States director
- **ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability Climate Protection Campaign**  
director
- **ICLEI-US Local Governments for Sustainability.**  
founder, executive director
- **Graduate Assembly at UC Berkeley**  
executive director
- **Earthworks Press**  
writer/researcher
- **Energy and Efficiency Institute at the University of California, Davis**  
Senior Advisor (2015 - 2016)
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June 4, /2025

### IN THE MATTER OF:

*Compass Energy Storage Project Opt-in Application for Certification*

DOCKET NO.- 24-OPT-02

### NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL and ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING

RE: Compass Energy Storage Project (SCH 2025050184)

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**Orange County Council of Governments**  
Director

**Metropolitan Water District of Southern  
California**

Chairman, Legislative and  
Communications Committee

**One Water One Watershed Steering  
Committee**

Orange County Representative

**State Route 91 Advisory Committee**  
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**State of California Geology and Mining  
Board** - Elected Vice Chairman  
State of California Surface Mining and  
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**Orange County Water District**  
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Director

**Southern California Association of  
Governments (SCAG)**

- Legislative/Communications and  
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- Policy Committee Representative  
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- Large City Representative, Cal  
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**Orange County Human Relations  
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- Director



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