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<b>TELEPHONE:</b> Microsoft Teams (Virtual)	<b>DATE:</b> July 22, 2025	<b>TIME:</b> 0900 am to 09:40 am
<b>NAME:</b> Alvin Greenberg, Ph.D. Dan Dowdy, P.E.	<b>WITH:</b> Randy Shafer, Fire Chief, City of Dixon Andrew Reiwitch, Consultant to City of Dixon Fire Department (Bureau Veritas)	
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A virtual meeting was held via Microsoft Teams between representatives of the CEC, including CEC Project Manager Renee Longman, Paul Miller who is preparing the CEC Staff Assessment section on Hazards, Hazardous Materials Management, Hazardous Wastes, and Wildfire, and Dan Dowdy/Dr. Alvin Greenberg who are jointly preparing the CEC section on Worker Safety/Fire Protection; and the City of Dixon Fire Department (DFD), consisting of Chief Randy Shafer and DFD consultant Andrew Reiwitch (Bureau Veritas), to discuss coordination related to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project.

Dr. Greenberg coordinated the discussion starting off with the role of the CEC with respect to permitting and approvals. Renee Longman briefly described the Opt-In process.

Discussion began with questions raised by the Fire Department representatives. Chief Shafer/Mr. Reiwitch stated they knew very little about project specifics with their knowledge being limited to historical project presentations at the County level. Greenberg asked if the applicant had recently contacted DFD. Chief Shafer stated that he had not been contacted directly by the applicant. He further explained that due to recent staffing changes, relevant project information may not have been retained or conveyed internally. Both Chief Shafer and Reiwitch were not in a position to ask pertinent questions since they had little knowledge of the project specifics. Greenberg committed to sending relevant portions of the application to both Chief Shafer and Reiwitch for review, and to schedule a follow-up call after they were able to review the documentation. Longman provided the CEC website URL for the Corby BESS Project where the Fire Chief could obtain all documents for this project.

Reiwitch asked several questions regarding the applicability of a traditional Environmental Impact Report (EIR), to which Longman responded by outlining the CEC's functional equivalent CEQA process.

Chief Shafer also responded to several questions provided attached to Greenberg's July 15, 2025 email. His responses are summarized below:

1. If the project were to be approved and built, is your current full-time and volunteer firefighter staffing at the stations that would respond to this Project up to your standards?

**Answer:** Yes they are up to his standards.

a. Which station(s) would respond?

**Answer:** Dixon Fire Department station 81 (the only fire station within the DFD) would respond with full fire, HazMat, and EMS (paramedic) response. Chief Shafer also noted that they are preparing a Master Plan for the DFD, the construction of a 2<sup>nd</sup> fire station is in planning (Station 82) which when on-line would have the same full complement of emergency response.

b. What would be the estimated response times for fire, EMS, and rescue?

**Answer:** Approximately 13 minutes from Station 81 and ~7 minutes from Station 82 when completed.

2. Which of all your stations would respond first to a hazmat spill or a rescue?

**Answer:** Both Dixon Stations (when built) will be “all hazard” capable. However, the City of Vacaville has two stations closer to the site and under their Mutual Aid Agreements, that would likely be first onsite [*staff notes added after conversation: VFD Station 72 or 73*].

3. If full staffing was achieved, would the existing physical infrastructure be adequate for your needs?

**Answer:** Yes. The department is fully staffed. Three over-hire positions are currently being filled. The staffing structure is good.

4. What complement of engines, trucks, water tenders, EMS vehicles, Chief's trucks/cars exist at the responding stations? Your back-up stations? Automatic Aid or Mutual Aid from other departments for response or in-fill?

**Answer:** Chief Shafer outlined the department's equipment complement referencing multiple apparatus types, including a ladder truck, multiple engine types, water tenders (2000-gallon capacity), and Command SUVs. He noted that the City of Dixon is well-supported through automatic aid agreements with nearby jurisdictions, including UC Davis, City of Davis, Solano County, and the City of Vacaville. The Chief offered that the region maintains robust mutual aid protocols to ensure adequate response coverage.

Upon further questioning, Greenberg asked Chief Shafer if he would support this conversation being captured in a written report of conversation (ROC). The Chief fully agreed to documenting the conversation for public transparency. Greenberg stated the draft ROC would be provided for review prior to being added to the Energy Commission's Corby Docket.

Dr. Greenberg further inquired whether the Chief would agree to participation by the project applicant in subsequent coordination meetings. Chief Shafer affirmed his support.