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Deny the Prairie Song in Acton

The proposed 1,150 MW Prairie Song Reliability Project which will utilize 2,035 enclosures full of LFP batteries is a threat to the small, rural community of Acton in many ways.

This project creates a huge fire, safety and health risk if there was a fire incident due to being in a VHFHSZ.

It robs 100 acres of Agricultural zoned land intended for residential use and development or animal-based uses.

It will force people from their homes that are in the path of the project or in proximity.

It will likely render homes in the immediate area very difficult if not impossible to sell.

Itâ€™s presence will drive down home values.

This enormous BESS will industrialize our small rural community and forever change its character.

A fire at this facility would result in the closure of State Route 14, a main north/south travel corridor and major choke point for commuters.

A fire at this facility could also shut down the Metro Rail traffic.

Residents in the location of this project are all on dirt roads with limited egress during a fire and evacuation.

There are numerous animal rescues, kennels, boarding facilities and ranches with numbers of large animals.

Fire insurance is already sky high if even obtainable and most are forced on CA Fair Plan at \$10k to \$18k a year.

Realtor Disclosure & Advisory documents already mention the presence of BESS to potential home buyers.

*This project is prohibited under our LACounty Title 22 Zoning Code in A-1 or A-2 zoning.

*The project application refers to LA Countyâ€™s Zoning Ordinance Interpretation 2021-03 which makes a similarity interpretation that BESS are â€œmost similar to Electric Distribution Systems.

* This Interpretation does not apply where Battery Storage Devices are explicitly prohibited in the code such as A-1 and A-2 zones, and may only be applied in Heavy Industrial zones M-1.5 and M-2 where there is no mention of BESS.

* Also under the Title 22 Code, M-1 Light Industrial zoning is not eligible for â€œsimilarity determinationsâ€•. This Interpretation 2021-03 is currently being challenged on that point in LA County Superior Court with regards to the 400 MW Humidor BESS approval.

* The Prairie Songâ€™s LGIA states that the project is 24.4 miles from the Vincent Substation. This location was not even mentioned as an alternative location, let alone the chosen project location. Perhaps this site which is 24.4 miles away from the Vincent Substation would be a more appropriate location for a project which will be capable of

storing 50% of the capacity of Diablo Canyon and San Onofre Power Plantsâ€”instead of being nestled amongst ranches, rescues and residents.

Deny the Prairie Song Reliability Project in its proposed location of our rural community of Acton.