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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Corby Battery Energy Storage System
Project Opt-In Application for
Certification

DOCKET NO. 24-OPT-05

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL and
ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING

RE: Corby Battery Energy Storage System
Project (SCH Number: 2025101073)

**Notice of Informational
and Environmental Scoping Meeting
for the Proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project**

**Hybrid Meeting
In-Person and via Zoom
November 6, 2025
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

In-person at:

**Ulati Community Center
1000 Ulati Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687**

Remote Access via Zoom:
See attendance instructions below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host an informational and environmental scoping meeting pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25545.7.2 to present and solicit information on the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project. Members of the public can participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below. This will be a hybrid meeting with a publicly accessible physical location and access online or by phone through Zoom™. The meeting will include informational presentations and time for public comment.

Please see the CEC Corby BESS Project webpage for more information on the project:
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/corby-battery-energy-storage-system-project>.

The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The meeting may end sooner or later than the posted end time. Breaks will be announced during the meeting.

An event recording will be posted on the event webpage (linked above).

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CEC staff presentation on the Opt-In Certification Program
3. Applicant presentation on the proposed project
4. CEC staff presentation on the scope and content of the Staff Assessment and environmental analysis
5. CEC Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs presentation on public participation and California Native American tribal consultation opportunities
6. Government Comments: California Native American tribes and federal, state, and local government entities
7. Public Comments
8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Background

CEC's Opt-In Certification Program, authorized in Public Resources Code sections 25545 - 25545.13, allows specified clean energy projects to seek consolidated permitting at the CEC until June 30, 2030. These projects include, but are not limited to, energy storage systems capable of storing 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more, electric transmission lines associated with these storage facilities to the first point of interconnection, and other facilities specified in statute.

Under this program, the CEC permit is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by the local land use authority and most, but not all, state permits. More information about the Opt-In Certification Program can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>.

Under the Opt-In Certification Program, CEC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, after an application is deemed complete, does the following:

1. Prepares a Staff Assessment, which includes the appropriate environmental document, which is usually an environmental impact report (EIR), negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration. For the proposed Corby BESS Project, CEC will be preparing an EIR.

2. Holds a public informational and scoping meeting, a public Staff Assessment meeting, and other public meetings, as close as practicable to the proposed project site.
3. Invites consultation with California Native American tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the geographic area of the proposed site.
4. Certifies compliance with requirements for community benefits, labor standards, and economic benefits.
5. Approves or denies the proposed project at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting.

North Bay Interconnect, LLC and Corby Energy Storage, LLC (applicant), filed an Opt-In application on November 7, 2024, for the Corby BESS Project proposed in Solano County, California. On December 9, 2024, the CEC deemed the application incomplete and docketed letters detailing the information deficiencies. On October 17, 2025, after receiving additional data, the CEC determined that the application was complete. The CEC sent a Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR (NOP) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the project, to the State Clearinghouse (a division of Land Use and Climate Innovation, LCI), and mailed the NOP on October 20, 2025, to the trustee agency, Solano County Clerk, and local, regional, and federal agencies. On October 22, 2025, the CEC sent applicable California Native American tribes a letter inviting tribal consultation on the Corby BESS Project. These and other documents are available on the CEC docket for this proceeding at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05>

Project Summary

North Bay Interconnect, LLC and Corby Energy Storage, LLC (applicant), proposes to construct, own, and operate the 300-megawatt (MW) Corby BESS Project on approximately 40.3 acres in Solano County. The project site (Assessor's Parcel Number 0141-030-090) is located southwest of the intersection of Kilkenny Road and Byrnes Road, in Solano County, California. The site is bound on all sides by existing agricultural lands, with a rural residence located across Kilkenny Road directly to the north. Additional rural residences also exist in the project vicinity, both to the south and west of the project site.

The project would include a 300-MW / 1,200-MWh BESS, associated project substation, inverters, gen-tie, telecommunications line, optional groundwater well, water tank, and other ancillary facilities, such as fencing, sound barrier, roads, retention basins, storage containers, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. The project would be unstaffed after construction, with operational control from an offsite control room through the SCADA system. Operational staff would perform periodic inspections and maintenance as necessary.

The project would connect to the PG&E Vaca-Dixon Substation across Interstate-80 and northwest of the project site, using an approximately 1.1-mile long 230-kilovolt gen-tie line, portions of which would be installed overhead and underground. The underground portion of the gen-tie line would run east-west parallel to and crossing Kilkenny Road, either within acquired easements on adjacent parcels or within the Kilkenny Road right-of-way.

For more details about the project, see Chapter 2 Project Description Redline in TN 262632 at the following link:

Application Section 2 Project Description Redline, at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=262632&DocumentContentId=99222>.

The CEC maintains a website for this project with proposed project information, a link to the docket, email subscription sign-up, and more at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/corby-battery-energy-storage-system-project>.

Purpose of the Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting

The Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting is an opportunity for interested members of the public, including surrounding communities, to learn about the proposed project and the CEC's Opt-In Certification process. The public will be able to obtain information, identify areas of environmental concern to be addressed during the CEC's environmental review of the project, and provide comments.

During the meeting, the applicant will explain its proposed plans for constructing and operating the project and related facilities. CEC staff will describe the CEC and staff's role and responsibilities in reviewing the Opt-In application and engaging with government agencies, the public, and California Native American Tribes to inform this review. The CEC's Public Advisor will describe how interested members of the public can participate in the process, including during the environmental review and CEC decision-making.

Moreover, the Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting assists CEC staff in obtaining additional information to prepare the Draft EIR and determining whether the project meets all program requirements. As discussed in the NOP, the CEC is conducting public outreach to solicit input on the Corby BESS Project application to identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR will satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, div. 6, ch. 3). The Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR is available at:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=266663&DocumentContentId=103759>.

Attendance Instructions

Hybrid Meeting with in-person and remote attendance options

In-person participants may join the meeting at:

**Ulatis Community Center
1000 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687**

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/89046160066?pwd=wyjYhWcym4leh8aUOclWFCctsznFzl.1>
- or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID 890 4616 0066 and passcode 604229 and follow all prompts.
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Zoom Closed Captioning Service. At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A more accurate transcript of the meeting will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.

Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment

A public comment period will be provided at the meeting. Comments may be limited to two minutes or less depending on the number of comments. Comments can be made whether attending in-person or via Zoom (online or by phone).

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

If participating via Zoom's online platform, use the "raise hand" feature to indicate you would like to make a comment.

If participating by telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on November 19, 2025. The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 24-OPT-05 and Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:
California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-OPT-05

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Corby BESS Project listserv. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: October 27, 2025, at Sacramento, California.

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