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Corby BESS Opposition Letter

Please see attached letter from Vacaville Firefighters Association President Matt Moreno.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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October 30, 2025

To the Honorable Members of the California Energy Commission,

The Vacaville Firefighters Association formally submits this letter in opposition to the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project.

Our position is based on the risk the project poses to the health and safety of the public and our members. Bypassing local government and critical local funding mechanisms will only further increase this risk.

There is a clear and documented danger posed by lithium-ion BESS fires. Fires in these facilities result in the release of highly toxic gases and heavy metals that pose both acute and chronic health risks.

As we have learned from recent incidents, fires in battery storage facilities are complex, and resource intensive. These emergencies require large personnel and equipment commitments. Such a response would strain resources and inhibit or delay our ability to respond to emergency calls from our residents.

Solano County has identified more remote industrial locations appropriate for BESS facilities. In the event of a "thermal runaway" incident at the proposed location, there will be immediate threats to Interstate 80, surrounding rural homes and a large subdivision. A significant fire at the proposed facility site could cause evacuations or shelter in place orders for thousands of residents. Most importantly, the public and first responders could be exposed to toxic gases when helping with evacuations or responding to the incident itself.

We urge the California Energy Commission to place the health of our residents and firefighters above corporate convenience. The Corby Project, in its current form and through its chosen permitting path, poses an unnecessary risk to our residents and firefighters.

We formally request that the CEC reject the current application for the Corby Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Moreno".

Matt Moreno
President
Vacaville Firefighters Local 3501