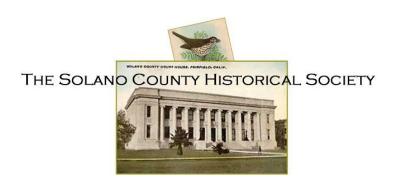
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Re: Opposition to Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project

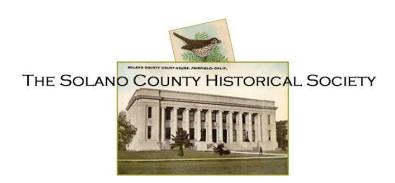
Dear Commissioners,

The Solano County Historical Society is steadfastly opposed to the Corby Battery Storage Project at the proposed location for its high potential for significant adverse change and irreparable harm to the surrounding multi-faceted historically and environmentally significant properties.

The proposed project is adjacent to a significant historical resource identified as the Kilkenny Ranch Home. The Queen Anne home built by master builder George Hutton Sharpe for Catherine Kilkenny in 1900, a significant person for California Women's History as an influencer for the ranching boom enjoyed in Solano County in the late 1800s. The home is the sole remaining example of Mr. Sharpe's work in a pristine rural setting, and a shining example of the exemplary craftsmanship he was known for throughout the Elmira/Vacaville/Dixon/Batavia area from 1890-1910.

In addition to the historic significance of the Kilkenny property, the parcel supports a private arboretum of several hundred trees including more than 100 different species of trees, <u>including</u> more than 50 species of oaks, which makes it one of the largest private oak collections in the <u>United States</u>. The rural open space setting is home to several remnant trees from the late 1800's including a Blue Gum Eucalyptus, a California Black Walnut and a Seville Orange which was a favorite of Irish families for marmalade and jams. The property is recognized by the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat.

It is impossible to mitigate the project area to less than significant. It is frankly criminal to push this project through at this location. It does not fit within the general plan. The project sacrifices irreplaceable prime Class A, agricultural soil and food/income producing orchards. Further it jeopardizes the health and safety of the public who live in the surrounding area.



Moss Landing should serve as a prime example. When a fire or accident happens, the consequences are catastrophic. This proposed project is too close to populated areas with residents of compromised health. Toxic smoke could easily displace the residents of neighboring parcels and Leisure Town, a retirement community, which is in the direct path.

A project of this magnitude should be built in an industrial area, not on environmentally sensitive land that is designated as agricultural. Pursuing the project at this location will cause irreparable harm and substantial adverse change. We strongly request this project be denied in its entirety.

With respect,

Elissa DeCaro

President, Solano County Historical Society