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Opposition to Corby BESS on prime ag land

Dear Commission decision makers,

My name is Tonia Whitaker and I live in Vacaville, CA and oppose this Corby projectâ€¦

If you look at BESS fires since LFP hit the market, it's gone up.

All 4 BESS fires in NY were LFP fires.

Monterey County BESS fire was LFP...

Let's look at the numbers:

2025 11 BESS fires so far (plus the Moss Landing re-ignition in Feb 2025)

2024 8 BESS fires

2023 16 BESS fires

2022 16 BESS fires

2021 10 BESS Fires

2020 4 BESS Fires

2020 and 2024 were good years for BESS fires- but, it doesn't look like 2025 is following your narrative of fewer BESS fires- especially compared to 2020, 2021, and 2024...

Unfortunately, we will see a massive influx of BESS fires in the coming years- due to the greedy expansion of using the cheapest option without any 100% effective method to prevent thermal runaway nor extinguish thermal runaway... Until 100% effective solutions are found we will see more and more lithium BESS fires- Just like South Korea saw when they rushed lithium BESS to the market without any regards to safety...

LFP BESS are dangerous.

Thermal runaway in LFP BESS is unpreventable- but, there are 1000s of reason why they could enter thermal runaway- including cooling systems/leaks, overcharging, discharging too fast, natural degradation.

Thermal runaway in a LFP BESS is inextinguishable.

If LFP BESS are so great- why does Tesla and other LFP BESS manufacturers recommend letting them burn out for days?

If it were a safe technology, it would be controllable- it would be preventable...

In the US with all the latest and greatest codes, rules, regulations- we still can't prevent or stop LFP BESS fires...

We can't contain the toxins, smoke, gasses, and ash.

Lithium is the root issue. It is inherently unstable.

We need to move on to safer energy storage technologies... Look up long duration energy storage to see a whole bunch of alternative energy storage options with no risk of forcing evacuations, no risks of thermal runaway, no risk of releasing toxic smoke, gasses, and ash/fallout, no risk of contamination, no risks to human health, and all the other risks that ALL lithium BESS types bring with it.

If the fires can't be prevented, and they can't be extinguished- they aren't safe.

All the detection systems, suppression systems, alert systems fail to prevent and stop thermal runaway.

They are all band-aids- that are pitched to us to make us feel safer.

With all of this said, would you want this across the road from your house? Please do the right thing and deny this project.