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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

I am opposed to the proposed location of the Corby Project. Though it is important to state that I do support renewable energy and battery storage in general but this site is fundamentally inappropriate, placing our agricultural land and the community in which I live, at unacceptable risk. Besides everything all of my community is discussing, I would like to address the sensitive wildlife in this area. Not too many of us think about the animals and wildlife that may be affected. Though I know existing surveys have already confirmed the presence of wildlife, such as burrowing owls, white-tailed kites, and Swainson's hawk nests-species. They are protected and essential to our local biodiversity. There is also concern for the honey bee population. I know as you drive around this area, you will see the white bee boxes. Our farmers depend heavily on these important pollinators. They are incredibly, profoundly, sensitive to their environment. They rely on sound and vibrations for communication and navigation. If they are lost, due to disruption of their habitat, what would happen to our local farmers, to our agricultural economy? The operating noise of this Corby system will negatively affect all local wildlife. Corby is a significant threat to our community. I know Vacaville as the agricultural belt of Northern California, It is the backbone of our economy. It should not become an industrial area.

When making this decision, please consider our local farmers, along with all of the other environmental factors they would face, as well as those community members living close by. And If one BESS is allowed to build here, this will open the door for more! In conclusion, all I, we, are asking is to have this project moved to an industrial zone.