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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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November 19, 2025

Renee Longman, Project Manager
California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Scoping Comments for Draft Environmental Impact Report – Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project (Docket 24-OPT-05)

Dear Ms. Longman,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments to identify specific topics to be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project (Project). The Solano County Water Agency (the Water Agency) reserves its right to submit additional comments as the environmental review process proceeds.

The Water Agency provides wholesale water supply to cities, special districts, and State agencies in Solano County. The Water Agency also maintains a regional drainage project in Solano County known as the Ulati Flood Control Project (UFCP). Our agency boundary encompasses all of Solano County including portions of the legal Delta.

Background

The UFCP was constructed from 1962 to 1972 by the Federal Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) and turned over to the Water Agency after construction for operations and maintenance. The Gibson Canyon Creek channel bisects the Vaca Dixon Substation, continues downstream underneath Interstate 80, and is part of the UFCP. Gibson Canyon Creek was designed and constructed to control a storm with a 10-year recurrence level. The Draft EIR and Project documents should consistently acknowledge this design standard.

Project Description and Location

As part of the project Description and Location, the Draft EIR must outline short term and long term impacts of the overhead crossings Between Pole Locations 8 to 9 and Pole Locations 6 to 5. Safety concerns must be addressed as these locations are used regularly by the Water Agency to access with heavy equipment in order to maintain the respective sections of Gibson Canyon Creek.

Water Resources - Hydrology

The Draft EIR must include a hydrology assessment which details pre- and post-project runoff for 10 and 100 year storms using current climate-adjusted rainfall data. The analysis must demonstrate no increase in downstream peak flows, volume or duration. The analysis must clearly demonstrate the flow path of all site drainage and outlets from detention basins.

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The Gibson Canyon Creek area upstream of the Vaca Dixon Substation has been historically prone to flooding.

Cumulative Impacts

The Draft EIR must provide comprehensive cumulative impacts analysis which includes probable future residential projects upstream of the Vaca Dixon Substation that may also impact the conveyance capacity of Gibson Canyon Creek.

We will continue to monitor project updates as the project moves forward with the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my staff at (707) 455-1106 or by e-mail at DBarr@scwa2.com.

Sincerely,

Alex Rabidoux, PE
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CC: Deborah Barr, SCWA

