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## **Further comments on the proposed Battery Energy Storage System**

Fires are a common occurrence on the west side of the I5 freeway very close to the proposed BESS site. We get them almost every year. Even a small fire would be a catastrophe endangering first responders and local residents because of the toxic fumes the lithium batteries would emit. It could be compared to a meltdown of the San Onofre nuclear reactor. I don't see any way to safely secure the BESS site from such fires. Furthermore the stored energy is not really needed. More and more residents in the Village San Juan, including myself, have installed solar panels and even battery systems in our own houses which feed energy into the grid and store it locally. If such a storage facility is truly necessary, which is questionable, it should be housed as far away from inhabited areas as possible.