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Vaca-Dixon Power Center BESS

Energy Commission

My wife and I want to ask the board reviewing the Vaca-Dixon Power Center BESS project to follow the Solano County recent decision which allows BESS in industrial zones in unincorporated areas where they would be better suited vs close to populated areas where they can cause harm.

We don't want another Moss Landing type disaster in the city of Vacaville or Solano County land near the Vacaville city limits close to populated areas like the most recent event which burned for 5 days with flames reaching 100 feet in the sky, our community's health and safety is on the line, this lithium battery fire and others that have happened in past years are impossible to extinguish and emit toxic smoke (which affect agriculture, evacuate residents from their homes, pollute water canals used for farming, it impacts local highways and puts additional stress on emergency responders. Battery energy storage systems need to be placed away from neighborhoods, highways, hospitals and environmentally sensitive areas, all of these situations listed exist in my neighborhood and the proposed site please don't put one in our back yard.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue.

Norman and Rose Gorton