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## **NO To Prairie Song BESS in Acton**

My name is Christina Weyer, I live in Acton with my husband Dalton Weyer. He has lived here his whole life, and I have lived in Acton for about 20 years. We live on our ranch with 2 rescued horses and 11 adopted and fostered donkeys that we have passionately cared for and created a safe environment for over the past 14 years since we moved to this home.

These are the reasons we are in OPPOSITION to the Prairie Song BESS (or any BESS) in Acton, CA:

**Danger/Threat to Life:** The Prairie Song BESS proposed location is about ½ mile from our home, and if there were a fire/event at the BESS, we would not be able to evacuate if needed. This would block our only exit route, leaving us and all our animals in harms way of fire and toxic chemicals spewing into the air. Additionally, it takes much help to evacuate all of our animals in any type of timely manner, and no one will be willing to come (nor would I ask them to) and put themselves in harms way to assist us during this time. And “shelter in place” is not possible to do safely for the many animals/pets (our own and our neighbors) that live solely outside.

**Increase in homeowners insurance:** since the first BESS application was submitted to the county a few years ago, we have been dropped by an insurance company we had for 11 years, and with our new insurance company our rates have tripled in just the past 3 years, and I fear not being able to afford the insurance increases, and question whether we would even be considered insurable if there is a BESS built nearby.

**Decrease in property value:** will we be able to sell if we wanted to? And how much value will we lose in our home?

**Deadly/Hazardous Toxins:** Toxic contamination of air, water and soil if/when an event would occur is unavoidable. We are on a well and are very concerned for the quality of our water if there were to be a fire/thermal runaway event.

**Fire Hazard:** Acton is considered to be in a “Very high fire hazard” area as classified by our insurance companies, why would our town want to bring in a humongous BESS with a high likelihood of starting a fire and endangering our entire community.

**Elimination of green space:** having green space, native plants and allowing for wildlife to flourish is extremely important to us in our town

**Poor location/too close to homes/ranches:** The location of this BESS is entirely too close to homes, ranches and neighborhoods, as well as to the railroad tracks and

highway 14. A fire/incident at the BESS would shut down these important transportation routes.

Eyesore: Prairie Song BESS would be an extreme eyesore. That is the least of my worries in comparison to the other elements, but we moved here for the beauty, nature, and green environment, and do not want to look down and see acres and acres of metal buildings on cement.

Acton is NOT the place for this BESS project, and would put the welfare, well-being and livelihoods of thousands of Acton residents (along with pets, animals, wildlife and livestock) in danger.

My husband and I are in extreme opposition to Prairie Song BESS.