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## **No to Prairie Song**

Please accept these scoping comments by Sandra Madsen.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Comments by Sandra Madsen

Hello, my name is Sandra Madsen and I've been an Acton resident for 36 years.

The Prairie Song BESS will bring tremendous impacts to Acton.

There will be WATER RESOURCE impacts because we have limited ground water supply for people on private wells, especially in the east Acton area.

The PUBLIC SAFETY will be impacted by the use of lithium iron phosphate batteries, which are very toxic when they burn. These batteries can burn for any number of reasons including failure of the supporting management systems. There is also a risk of a wildfire encroaching on the facility and igniting a fire. Acton is in a very high fire hazard severity zone and east. Acton is extremely windy in comparison to other parts of the community because of the funneling of the wind in that narrow corridor. This project would also need to have a municipal water source in order to be able to successfully suppress a fire should one occur.

Acton would also have VISUAL and AESTHETIC impacts because this project is enormous in size and industrial in character, containing more than 2000 battery containers. The area in which this project is proposed is a designated scenic view area.

SOCIOECONOMIC impacts would be felt through reduced property values, difficult home sales and higher insurance premiums. In some cases, people haven't been able to obtain insurance through traditional carriers and have had to go to the California Fair Plan. Residents have reported paying as high as \$18,000 a year for insurance because of Wildfire Risk fees in this area. The Prairie Song project will create

LAND USE impacts as it located on over 100 acres that were intended to be used for residential development and Animal uses according to our zoning code. Other more remote locations that would not pose risk to the public should be considered for this project.

**PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROJECT IN THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON WHERE IT POSES RISKS TO OUR RESIDENTS AND WOULD FOREVER CHANGE OUR TOWN.**