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Oppose the Siting of Seahawk BESS - Land Use

Dear Commissioners,

The siting of a BESS at 90 Minto Road is wrong. By taking advantage of the AB205 opt-in program, New Leaf Energy is attempting to bypass local authority and disregard zoning laws created to protect the community. This approach leads to non-permitted industrial development on protected agricultural lands, placing projects in areas never intended for such use. As a result, it undermines the local General Plan and puts the county's premier economic contributor at risk.

I am asking the California Energy Commission to deny the Seahawk BESS because the proposed project intends to take protected agricultural lands out of production, its close proximity to densely populated neighborhoods, and would be located just uphill from College Lake and its newly completed integrated resource management project to reduce groundwater overdraft in the Pajaro Valley.

Thank you for considering the risk this BESS would place on our valuable local resources.

Sincerely,
Diane Dutton-Jones
June 10, 2026