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## **Please record our neighborhood petition against the Seahawk Project**

Dear CEC Commissioners,

In January of 2026, concerned residents began circulating a petition which now has almost 1400 signatures and comments from people living very close to Minto Road / Paulsen Road, and more broadly throughout Watsonville and Santa Cruz County. The petition is in both Spanish and English. Thank you for considering our people and the natural resources at College Lake with great scrutiny and compassion in consideration of the lithium BESS. It has no place among people, in such a sensitive habitat, with many schools, traffic ingress and egress issues, and College Lake and nearby Pinto Lake are rarified natural lakes that provide habitat to numerous and wondrous species of birds, fish and amphibians - some of whom are listed endangered and threatened species. We neighbors believe strongly that there must be a better location in SantaCruz County for a BESS, and it should NOT have flammable lithium chemistry. We also wish to invite you to our Community Meeting at Pinto Lake City Park to meet a hundred and fifty or so of us, at 451 Green Valley Road, on Sunday June 28. Have a wonderful day and thank you in advance for your prudent and conscientious care of our community - please deny New Leaf Energy's application.

Link to petition: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-lithium-bess-at-90-minto-road-watsonville-detengan-la-bess-de-litio-en-90-minto-rd>

Sincerely,  
Linda Aron