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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Why has the CEC allocated over \$247 million to researching SAFE alternatives to Lithium-based BESS (Battery Energy Storage Systems) such as the one proposed for 90 Minto Road, Watsonville???

Because the CEC recognizes the hazards, & associated extra infrastructures & expenses of attempts to mitigate those hazards, of Lithium-ion grid-scale batteries for BESS.

In fact, the CEC is actively supporting transition to SAFE BESS via its establishment of a "Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) program" (and has) "allocated over \$247 million to invest in demonstration and deployment of non-lithium-ion long duration energy storage technologies across California"

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