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Evacuation plans

The local evacuation center in case of an emergency is the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. This is located 0.8 miles away. If there is a fire at the BESS, not only will the roads be packed, the Fairgrounds will not be a safe place for people and animals to evacuate to. There will be no where for Red Cross or equivalent to set up a base camp. When there is a fire, in addition to thousands of people, 100s or 1000s of animals will be in danger.

The toxins released from the Lithium fires will create irreparable health problems at the time of event and far into the future.

Seahawk has no alternative Evacuation plans/sites or how people can even exit the area with the roads as they are currently. It would be a death trap.

Please do not allow this BESS to be sited at this location.

Thank you,
Linda Santos
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