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Project Would Displace Farmworker Housing

Dear Commissioners,

The Seahawk BESS Project application should be denied because it will displace many farmworkers from the five existing housing units immediately adjacent to the proposed Project if built at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville. The Applicant has stated in documents submitted to the County that existing dwellings on the parcel would not be inhabited during the life of the Project.

There is another residence at 200 Minto Road (APN 051-101-20) that would be within 100 feet of the BESS facility, and multiple units at 280 Minto Road (APN 051-101-22) that would be within 300 feet of the BESS facility. These units would also have to be vacated in order to meet setback requirements for the project. These are all likely farmworker units.

Santa Cruz County has a critical deficit of safe housing for farmworkers.

Please deny the Seahawk BESS Project at 90 Minto Road, due to the socio-economic injustice and burden it would place on farmworkers to relocate to alternate housing.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner