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## **Opposition to Vaca Dixon Power Center BESS location and battery type**

To whom it may concern, I strongly oppose this Middle River Vaca Dixon Power Center BESS proposal in Vacaville. This is on prime ag land and is zoned ag for a reason and would explain why there are existing almond trees planted. Also, Lithium-Ion batteries and thermal runaway are extremely dangerous in all environmental aspects including air, water, ground contamination, noise, personal and real property, etc. This proposed site is also very near a historical homesite on KilKenny Road, potentially threatening a heritage landmark of Vacaville's historical legacy. What is also interesting with this proposal is this organization has not reached out to the City of Vacaville, only through this project application through the State. This project needs to use safer battery types that do not create thermal runaway and be in an area zoned Industrial. Just because the applicant already purchased the land and it is conveniently located across Interstate 80 from the PG&E power station, does not mean that is the highest and best use of this land, nor is it a safe location. This project has the potential for the wholesale destruction of what has made California great, at the expense of corporate convenience and the risk to human lives and property. Please do the right thing and decline this project as it is.

Sincerely,  
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