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Recent Seismic Activity Near 90 Minto Road, Watsonville

Dear CEC Staff,

Please be informed that on July 17, 2026, there was a 3.0 magnitude earthquake near the proposed Seahaek BESS site.

Below is information copied directly from the scedc.caltech.edu website:

MAG DATE TIME LAT (deg) LON (deg) DEPTH (km) LOCATION

3.0 2026/07/17 00:52:08 36.932N 121.688W 11.61 5 km (3 mi) ESE of Interlaken, CA

The Zayante-Vergelis Fault is known to run close to the proposed Seahawk BESS Project site and adjacent to Minto Road. This was documented in the EIR for the Diamond Estates Subdivision adjacent to the Green Valley Substation and the proposed Project site.

The Seahawk BESS Project should not be allowed to be built in this active seismic zone. especially since the proposed site is adjacent to densely-populated neighborhoods.

The geologic study the applicant performed was inadequate to properly evaluate seismic and liquefaction risk. As demonstrated yesterday, (7/17/2026), the area is indeed seismically active.

Sincerely,
Becky Steinbruner