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CEC must approve Lambie Industrial Park site alternative

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

CEC,

I wish to provide comments on the recently published Corby BESS project Staff Assessment and EIR.

CEC Staff has analyzed the alternative sites and concluded that the Lambie Industrial Park location is a feasible alternative to the proposed project site. Only Visual Impacts of the transmission line were determined to be greater than the proposed site, mostly due to the increased length of the line. At the same time however, it was determined that there were fewer "viewers" of this transmission line which lessens these overall visual impacts.

Since the CEC has previously approved transmission lines greater in length than the 14 mile line required with the Lambie Industrial Park alternative, the transmission line length should not be given weight in the Commission's decisions.

Lambie Industrial Park is already established with uses that create similar impacts to the public. Adding the Corby BESS would not create additional land use impacts nor visual impacts with regards to the site and project itself.

Staff has also made mention that there are fewer sensitive receptors at the Lambie Industrial Park alternative site.

The original proposed project site is considered to create fewer impacts on the environment, however I do believe that public health impacts should carry more weight in overall considerations of this project site decision.

With the above mentioned impacts and Staff determinations I ask that the CEC only consider approval of the Corby BESS in the Lambie Industrial Park alternative site location which has been shown to also have the support of the Vacaville residents.

There appears to be a common theme with proposed BESS projects in that developers prioritize their choice of site locations based on proximity to substations which lessen their costs for interconnection.

The CEC has an opportunity, beginning with the highly opposed Corby BESS, to set a precedent which clearly prioritizes public health and safety over all other considerations. Perhaps once this precedent is set, developers will begin to submit applications for projects which are properly sited, prioritizing the safety of communities and will no longer face strong opposition.

These Battery Energy Storage Systems utilizing lithium-ion technology would no longer face delays and litigation stemming from this frequent community opposition.

Projects would be built in a timely manner to help California successfully meet its climate goals.

The people of California would not be at risk for toxic exposures nor financially harmed by the presence of a large and potentially dangerous industrial project near their homes and businesses.

Everyone wins.

