

DOCKETED	
Docket Number:	24-OPT-05
Project Title:	Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project
TN #:	271792
Document Title:	Catherine Tobar Tejada Comments - Opposition to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project
Description:	N/A
Filer:	System
Organization:	Catherine Tobar Tejada
Submitter Role:	Public
Submission Date:	8/1/2026 4:57:26 AM
Docketed Date:	8/3/2026

Comment Received From: Catherine Tobar Tejada

Submitted On: 8/1/2026

Docket Number: 24-OPT-05

Opposition to the Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a resident of Solano County to express my strong opposition to the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System project. I am asking the Board to deny approval, or at minimum to delay any decision until the fire safety concerns outlined below are fully and independently addressed.

Fire Risk in a Vulnerable Area

Lithium-ion battery storage facilities carry a well-documented risk of thermal runaway fires, which are difficult to extinguish, can reignite after being suppressed, and release toxic gases. This is a serious concern anywhere, but it is especially acute here: our area has a history of fire activity and is already recognized as fire-prone terrain. Siting a large-scale battery facility in a location already vulnerable to fire compounds the risk rather than introducing it fresh, and I do not believe the current proposal adequately accounts for that existing vulnerability.

Local Emergency Response Capacity

Battery fires require specialized suppression knowledge and equipment that many local and volunteer fire departments are not equipped or trained to handle. Before any approval, I would ask the Board to require the developer to disclose:

- The specific fire suppression and containment systems planned for the site
- Written confirmation from local fire officials that they have the training, equipment, and mutual aid agreements needed to respond to a battery fire at this facility
- A site-specific emergency response and evacuation plan for nearby residents
- Setback distances from homes, schools, and other sensitive areas, and how those compare to current industry safety guidance.

Request

Given the history of fire in this area and the known risks associated with large-scale battery storage, I respectfully ask the Board to:

1. Deny the current proposal as submitted, or
2. Require a comprehensive, independent fire risk assessment and emergency response plan before any further consideration, and
3. Hold a public hearing so residents can raise these concerns directly

Thank you for your time and for considering the safety of the residents you represent.