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We need battery storage

Hello,

I am writing as a homeowner and resident of Vacaville in support of the Corby Bess Battery Storage project. Many people will object to the project and facility because of the danger of fire, but upon researching I have found that a new type of Lithium battery may be used and battery cells can be more insulated and separated to decrease the overheating and spread of overheating from one cell to another. More automatic fire mitigation methods are in place than have been in the past and the maintenance of these facilities has advanced. I also found that natural gas lines have been the cause of fires because they can be damaged by earthquakes, digging, construction, corrosion, aging, and even by poorly maintained or poorly installed appliances.

As Californians wish to cut our dependence on fossil fuel and toxic gas, we are electrifying at an ever increasing rate. We are encouraging (and in some cases requiring) the use of solar generated power, electric cars, water heaters, HVAC systems, and stoves. Because of this increase, the strain on our grid is already tangible in the form of rolling power outages whenever the system is overloaded, as it is on hot days when many people are running air conditioners.

Battery storage provides the flexibility of storage of energy so that when light and weather dependent solar and windmills cannot generate energy, there is stored energy to fill in the supply gap. This lessens our carbon footprint and our dependence on fossil fuel. As a resident of Vacaville, four air-miles from the proposed site, I support this project.