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Lithium BESS

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to oppose New Leaf Energy of Massachusetts's™ proposed lithium BESS siting at 90 Minto Road in Watsonville, and I oppose lithium battery chemistry being allowed in Santa Cruz County at all.

There are safer, non-flammable alternatives to lithium, such as sodium battery chemistry, which is already in use globally and in our nation in Watkins, Colorado. A BESS should not be placed near residents, natural lakes and sensitive receptors. This is a beautiful area, close to homes, agricultural land, and wildlife. Please do not allow this to ruin the Ohlone land that we call home.

Thank you,
Britt Moutafian