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NO Lithium BESS -- 90 Minto Road, Watsonville

I am adamantly opposed to the Lithium BESS that is being proposed on the apple orchard at 90 Minto Road, Watsonville. It is located near high density neighborhoods, schools, farmland and waterways. It poses significant and irreversible hazards to people, animals, and the environment.

Critical reasons why the Seahawk Battery Project should not proceed and all planning and resourcing for it MUST stop immediately:

1. We must protect wildlife and natural resources
2. This poses a serious risk to humans and animals from fire, explosion, and toxic smoke. It is greedy for companies and the government and agencies like yours to put profits ahead of health and safety.
3. This poses serious concerns and risks to active farms and waterways. The risk to groundwater, irrigation water, soil, crops, livestock and long-term food production is serious and cannot be adequately eliminated -- risk mitigation on these issues is insufficient given the high risk to human and animal health and safety.
4. We are not prepared for emergency response and evacuation in the event of an emergency. Our county does not have the resources or funding to be able to appropriately respond and keep people, animals and environment safe.
5. Lack of independent scientific review. It is NOT ok that an independent, non-affiliated review has not been completed to assess the public safety and environmental issues this project poses.

As residents, we DESERVE and DEMAND better than what you are doing. You should care about individuals and animals living in our area and the harmful and negative multi-generational health and safety impact of the decisions you are making if you make the terrible decision to proceed with this project.