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**Notice of Corby Battery Energy Storage System
CEC Staff Assessment Public Meeting (24-OPT-05)**

September 1, 2026

4:00 p.m. – approximately 9:00 p.m.*

Hybrid: In-Person and Remote

Includes In-Person and Remote Spanish Interpretation

See Attendance Instructions

** The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time. The end time is an estimate, and the meeting may end earlier or later than anticipated. Breaks will be announced during the meeting.*

In-person at:

**Ulati Community Center
1000 Ulati Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687**

Remote Access via Zoom™

<https://zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 810 2967 5843

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Remote participation instructions are below.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a public meeting on the Staff Assessment for the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 25545.7.2(b)(2) and 25545.7.6. The purpose of the meeting is for CEC staff to present the Staff Assessment, which includes a draft environmental impact report (Draft EIR), and to receive comments on the assessment from government agencies, California Native American tribes, the public, and the project applicant. This is a hybrid meeting, with both a publicly accessible physical location and public access online or by phone through Zoom™.

The Staff Assessment contains the CEC staff's independent, objective evaluation of the proposed project. The Staff Assessment was docketed for public review and comment on July 15, 2026 (TN 271468) along with the Notice of Availability of a draft EIR (included within the Staff Assessment) for the proposed project (TN 271480, TN 271479).

The public can participate in the meeting consistent with the attendance instructions below.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. CEC Staff Presentations of the Staff Assessment
 - a. Application Overview
 - b. Engineering Evaluation, Environmental Impact Analysis, Alternatives Analysis, Conformance with Laws, Ordinances, Regulations, and Standards (LORS)*
 - c. Opt-In Requirements
 - d. Staff Recommendation
 - e. Next Steps in the CEC Process
3. Applicant Remarks
4. CEC Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity, and Tribal Affairs Presentation on Public and Tribal Participation Opportunities
5. Government Comment: California Native American tribes, Elected Officials, and Government Agencies
6. Public Comment
7. Closing Remarks and Adjourn

* Note: Staff will provide summaries of staff's analyses on the proposed project's potential environmental impacts and conformance with LORS. Staff presentations will highlight the following topic areas (order may change):

- Visual Resources
- Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Land Use and Agriculture
- Battery Safety (Public Health and Worker Safety and Fire Protection)

BACKGROUND

CEC's Opt-In Certification Program. The Opt-In Certification Program, authorized in Public Resources Code sections 25545 - 25545.13, allows specified clean energy projects to seek consolidated permitting at the CEC until June 30, 2030. These projects include, but are not limited to, energy storage systems capable of storing 200 megawatt-hours (MWh) or more, and electric

transmission lines associated with these storage facilities to a point of junction with any interconnected electrical system.

Under this program, the issuance of a certificate by the CEC is in lieu of any permit that would normally be required by a local agency and most, but not all, permits required by state agencies. More information about the Opt-In Certification Program can be found at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/power-plants/opt-certification-program>.

The law requires the CEC to serve as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, after an application is deemed complete, does the following:

1. Prepare a Staff Assessment, which includes the appropriate environmental document, which is usually an environmental impact report (EIR), negative declaration, or mitigated negative declaration. For the proposed Corby BESS Project, CEC prepared an EIR.
2. Hold a public informational and scoping meeting, a public Staff Assessment meeting, and other public meetings, as close as practicable to the proposed project site.
3. Invite consultation with California Native American tribes that are culturally and traditionally associated with the geographic area of the proposed site.
4. Certify compliance with requirements for community benefits, labor standards, and economic benefits.
5. Approve or deny the proposed project at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting.

Proceeding History. North Bay Interconnect, LLC and Corby Energy Storage, LLC (applicant), filed an Opt-In application for the Corby BESS Project proposed in Solano County, California, on November 7, 2024. On December 9, 2024, the CEC determined the application was incomplete and docketed letters detailing the information deficiencies. On October 17, 2025, after receiving additional data from the applicant, the CEC determined that the application was complete.

Following that determination, the CEC issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft EIR that would analyze the project's potential environmental impacts. The CEC sent the NOP to the State Clearinghouse, a division of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), and on October 20, 2025, mailed the NOP to the trustee agency, the Solano County Clerk, and relevant local, regional, and federal agencies.

On October 22, 2025, the CEC sent letters to applicable California Native American tribes inviting tribal consultation on the Corby BESS Project. In addition, the CEC held an Informational and Environmental Scoping Meeting for the proposed project on November 6, 2025, conducted both in person at the Ulatis Community Center and online via Zoom.

Project Description. The applicant proposes to construct, own, and operate the proposed Corby BESS Project. The BESS facility would be constructed on an approximately 40.3-acre parcel in Solano County, California. The project would include a 300-megawatt (MW), 1,200MWh BESS, associated project substation, inverters, and other ancillary facilities, such as fencing, sound

barrier, roads, optional groundwater well, water tank, stormwater retention basins, storage containers, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system.

The project would connect to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Vaca-Dixon Substation, northwest of the project site and across Interstate 80 (I-80), via a 1.1-mile-long 230-kilovolt (kV) generation tie (gen-tie) line, portions of which would be installed overhead and underground. The underground portions of the gen-tie line would run east-west parallel to and crossing Kilkenny Road, either within acquired easements on adjacent parcels or within the City of Vacaville roadway right-of-way. The overhead portions would include two structures on the project site, four structures between Kilkenny Road and I-80 on private land owned by the applicant, and up to four structures north of I-80 on PG&E's Vaca-Dixon Substation property, for a total of up to 10 overhead gen-tie structures.

To accommodate the interconnection of the project and other future projects, PG&E is currently performing network upgrades which include grading, construction of concrete pads, and relocating existing structures within the Vaca-Dixon Substation. Specifically, for the project PG&E would install a new 230-kV double bus bay structure (hereinafter "Corby Bay") with associated foundations and supports on approximately 0.6 acres of the existing substation. Corby Bay would house four switch support structures and associated equipment for the new 230-kV connection. Ownership of the gen-tie line would be split at a designated point of change of ownership (POCO): PG&E would construct, own, and operate the segment of the gen-tie line from the new Corby Bay to the POCO, including 5 of the 10 gen-tie structures, while the project applicant would be responsible for the segment from the POCO to the project site.

Project Location. The permanent operational facility, including the BESS array, project substation, associated equipment, roads, fencing, sound barrier, optional groundwater well, water tank, and drainage facilities, would be located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0141-030-090. The project parcel is bound on all sides by existing agricultural lands, with a rural residence located to the north and west along Kilkenny and Byrnes roads. The project site is located approximately 250 feet southeast of the City of Vacaville jurisdictional boundary, and approximately 5 miles northeast of the city center. I-80 is approximately 0.6 miles northwest of the project site. The nearest airports to the project site are Nut Tree Airport, located approximately 2.9 miles southwest of the project site and Travis Air Force Base located approximately 7.25 miles north of the project site.

The energy would be transported from the project substation to the nearby PG&E Vaca-Dixon Substation through a 1.1-mile-long 230-kV gen-tie transmission line sited on an approximately 19.4-acre gen-tie corridor. The first section of the gen-tie corridor would begin at the northwest corner of the project site and would follow one of the following route options:

Underground Route Option #1 would be located within easements secured from private landowners (APNs 0141-030-080 and 0141-010-030) and Solano Irrigation District (SID). This east-west portion of the gen-tie would be underground, crossing Kilkenny Road and an SID canal before turning 90 degrees and running east-west parallel to the canal. The encroachment permit that normally would be required by the City of Vacaville for the Kilkenny Road crossing would be subsumed by the CEC certification.

Underground Route Option #2 would be located within easements secured from the private landowner of the parcel immediately west of the project site (APN 0141-030-080). The encroachment permit from the City of Vacaville to install the gen-tie within the city-maintained Kilkenny Road right-of-way would be subsumed by the CEC certification.

To the west of the initial east-west underground section (Option #1 or #2), the gen-tie corridor would run north-south up to I-80 with four overhead structures on two parcels that would be owned by the applicant (APNs 0133-060-010 and 0133-060-020). The overhead gen-tie line would continue northwest across I-80, requiring crossing agreements between PG&E and both SID and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for irrigation canal and I-80 crossings, respectively. Up to four overhead structures and the new Corby Bay would be sited on PG&E's Vaca-Dixon Substation parcel (APN 0133-060-070).

The CEC maintains a website for this project with proposed project information, a link to the docket, email subscription sign-up, and more at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/battery-storage-system/corby-battery-energy-storage-system-project>.

ATTENDANCE INSTRUCTIONS

In-person participants may join the meeting at:

Ulati Community Center
1000 Ulati Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

If participants bring a device to join the meeting via Zoom at the physical location, the system audio must be muted, or the audio should not be joined. This is to avoid disruptive feedback during the meeting. Audio will be provided through an onsite sound system.

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/81029675843?pwd=fS5WOyeU3B4fGNmGVO6FvsG7sj8tIG.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **810 2967 5843** and passcode **896185** and follow all prompts.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Written comments may be submitted through the CEC’s electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05) for this docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB. If you need assistance with submitting comments, please contact the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5076.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the meeting. Comments may be limited to two minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 24-OPT-05 and Corby BESS Project in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-OPT-05
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the docket for the Corby Battery Energy Storage System project at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=24-OPT-05>

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Corby BESS subscription topic. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit Subscriptions, at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: August 13, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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