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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident living within a 2-mile radius of the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) site near Kilkenny and Byrnes Road, I am writing to express my absolute opposition to this project.

The citizens of Vacaville and Dixon feel deeply betrayed by the California government. Our communities have consistently stepped up to support solar panels and clean energy initiatives under the promise of a safer, greener future. Now, because the state has generated a massive midday solar surplus that the existing grid cannot handle, we are being turned into victims of that very success. We are being forced to sacrifice our safe living environment to solve a grid crisis we did not create. The state is rushing these industrial installations too quickly, bypassing our local zoning laws via AB 205, and setting the stage for an entirely new, preventable environmental disaster right in our backyards.

The CEC must reject NextEra's application based on the following severe localized threats:

1. **Extreme Wind and Air Toxic Hazards:** The North Vacaville/Dixon gap experiences extreme wind gusts reaching 45 to 60 mph. In a thermal runaway incident, these winds will rapidly accelerate fire spread and push toxic chemical plumes—containing deadly gases like Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)—directly into our neighborhoods, local schools, and the Leisure Town senior community within minutes. Forcing families into life-threatening "Shelter-in-Place" orders because our rural roads and the I-80 corridor are gridlocked by smoke is a complete failure of public safety.

2. **Groundwater and Agricultural Contamination:** NextEra's track record proves their safety assurances are empty. Following a 30-hour thermal runaway fire at NextEra's East Hampton facility, over 2.2 million gallons of firefighting water runoff contaminated local drinking aquifers with toxic PFAS and lithium byproducts, leading to federal lawsuits. The Corby site is 60 times larger than East Hampton and sits directly adjacent to vital Solano County agricultural water tables and local drainage channels.

3. **Rushed Overlook of Safe Alternatives:** The state is rushing to meet aggressive deadlines using high-risk lithium technology simply to satisfy NextEra's pre-existing corporate utility contracts. This is happening even though the CEC is actively funding ultra-safe, fire-immune alternatives—such as Iron Flow batteries with SMUD and Iron-Air systems with PG&E in Mendocino County—elsewhere in the state.

If the state truly cares about clean energy, it must not build it on the backs of compromised communities. I urge the Commission to reject the current Kilkenny Road site blueprint and force NextEra to relocate its project to an isolated industrial boundary, such as the Lambie Industrial Park, which local planners specifically earmarked for heavy utility infrastructure.

Thank you for your time and for listening to the local community's voice.