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Solano County Water Agency Letter of Concern

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SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-OPT-05
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**Re: Formal Letter of Concern – Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project
(Docket No. 24-OPT-05), APN 0141-030-090, Solano County, California**

Dear California Energy Commissioners and Staff,

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments on behalf of the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) regarding the proposed Corby Battery Storage System Project in Solano County. SCWA is the regional wholesale water agency in Solano County and is involved in all water resource related issues in Solano County, including municipal and agricultural water supply, groundwater, and flood control issues. Our Agency is also responsible for a regional flood control facility called the Ulati Flood Control Project, which is used to convey flood and irrigation water and is located 0.25 miles from the proposed Battery Storage Project.

While our Agency is not a land-use agency, our member agencies include the 7 Solano Cities, 3 Irrigation/Reclamation Districts, and Solano County as well as the public who rely on our Agency to protect our region's water supply and water quality. The Water Agency also manages over 55 miles of flood control channels including the Ulati and Green Valley Flood Control Projects that protect and support the communities of Dixon, Vacaville, Cordelia, Fairfield, and Unincorporated areas from flooding. The Agency's role in the region is to manage and maintain this complex and fragile balance of water supply, groundwater, water quality, and the environment.

The Solano County Water Agency was never notified by the Commission on this project and has not had adequate time to review the Staff Assessment and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Given our Agency's role in the region, we encourage the Commission to allow our Agency to fully review the DEIR and submit comments. Part of this Project would be installing new 230-KV transmission lines across our Ulati Flood Control Channel and Easement (Gibson Canyon Channel) which we have major concerns. The Agency routinely uses heavy equipment to maintain our flood channels, including the use of front loaders, long-reach excavators, tractors, and other equipment needed to maintain flood capacity. The cumulative impact of the Project should be evaluated regarding our ability to operate and maintain our flood channels.



In addition, the Water Agency has concerns about the possible effect this Project will have on local water supply, groundwater, water quality, flood control, and environmental resources. The Water Agency agrees with comments provided by the Solano Irrigation District and Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency in that any potential impacts to the groundwater aquifer need to be thoroughly evaluated. The Water Agency is also in agreement with elected officials from Solano County, City of Vacaville, and other local public officials as well as members of the public who have expressed concern that there is a general lack of transparency in terms of the potential effects that this project will have on the region as a whole. We ask that the Commission accept Solano County's request to extend the deadline for public comments and allow all our staff the time to review the necessary documents. We believe this will be beneficial for the Project as our Agency's inclusion will provide much needed transparency to the public given our pivotal role in protecting Solano County's water resources.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with the Commission on addressing our concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (707) 455-1105 or email at CLee@scwa2.com.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CL' or 'Chris Lee'.

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