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Opposition to Corby Project on Kilkenny road

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

I am writing in opposition to the Corby Battery Project on Kilkenny Road in Vacaville. I reside in Leisure Town and lived through the devastating LNU fire in the Vacaville hills 16 miles from my home. It closed I-80 in both directions because it jumped from west to east. We had burnt maple leaves and ash covering the entire exterior of the house for days. I have pictures if you need to see them. There have been fires from vehicle accidents on I-80 that have left ash residue on windy days at my home. It doesn't take much, lit cigarette, gas tanker crashing.....all that has happened.

Having the proposed lithium-ion battery storage so close to two major highways and thousands of residents is irresponsible and not well thought out. Lambie industrial park would be a better fit. It saddens me to think your commission would give more credibility to NextEra than the residents surrounding the Vacaville location. NextEra has consistently exaggerated their claims and numbers to get your approval. Whether or not a fire is initiated from the battery storage or vehicle accident it is dangerously too close. Do the first responders protect the BESS property or the local community?

Our taxpayer dollars would be better used if this commission made realistic guidelines before ANY approvals are made. This is not a "one size fits all" situation. Every BESS application should be looked at on an individual basis. Your experts seemed to have presented your commission with unrealistic data. I lived through how winds shift and pollute our environment. I am speaking from experience.

To ensure the Final EIR adequately addresses the environmental, hazard, and public safety impacts under CEQA, I request formal written responses to the following questions:

1. Emergency Response Capacity & Fire Protection:

How did the Lead Agency reach the conclusion that the Dixon Fire Department—with 21 career personnel—possesses the capacity, specialized equipment, and staffing required to manage a major thermal runaway event or off-site wildfire incident at the Kilkenny site?

What additional personnel are needed to respond to this BESS facility?

Is there an executed, binding Mutual Aid Agreement between Dixon Fire and Vacaville Fire detailing clear command structure and dedicated resource allocation for a BESS event?

What specific specialized hazmat/BESS training and equipment are currently lacking, and will NextEra be legally required through a binding agreement to fully fund 100% of these initial and ongoing costs so local taxpayers are not burdened? Who will verify such commitments?

In the event of a fire, what reimbursement will be given to the fire departments who will respond to replacing contaminated equipment? Is this a condition of certification?

2. Air Quality, Toxic Plume Modeling, and Public Health:

Does the EIR's toxic plume dispersion model account for local microclimate wind shifts toward Leisure Town, specifically measuring off-gassing compounds such as Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) and Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN)?

What is the calculated evacuation distance required if a multi-container thermal runaway event occurs, and does that hazard zone overlap Leisure Town subdivision or Interstate 80? What specific early-warning notification systems and evacuation plans are established for senior and high-vulnerability residents in nearby neighborhoods?

3. Transportation Safety and Regional Evacuation:

Has the EIR evaluated the scenario where smoke or toxic off-gassing from a BESS incident forces the closure of I-80 or HWY 113 during a concurrent regional wildfire evacuation?

Sincerely,

Angie