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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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September 13, 2026

California Energy Commission

Docket Unit, MS-4

Re: Docket No. 24-OPT-05 (Corby Battery Energy Storage System Project)

715 P Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

(Submitted electronically via CEC e-Commenting System)

Subject: Public Comment Requesting a Full and Comparative Analysis of Lambie Industrial Park

Dear California Energy Commission and Commission Staff,

I support responsible energy storage, but I oppose certification of the Corby BESS at the proposed agricultural location without a complete and good-faith comparison to Lambie Industrial Park. The question is not only whether battery storage is needed. It is whether this industrial-scale facility should be placed on active farmland near homes, wells, major transportation routes, and sensitive institutions when an industrially planned alternative has been identified.

My September 1 oral comments asked the Commission to evaluate Lambie as a location that may serve the project's objectives while reducing land-use conflicts and public-safety consequences. Written comments from the Vacaville Firefighters Association also urge relocation to Lambie Industrial Park, citing greater buffers, industrial zoning, reduced critical-infrastructure threats, and improved emergency-response conditions (TN 272310).

1. The Proposed Site Concentrates Avoidable Land-Use and Safety Conflicts

Reference: Staff Assessment alternatives, land-use, worker-safety, public-health, and water-resources sections.

Issue: The proposed 300-megawatt, 1,200-megawatt-hour facility would occupy active agricultural land and rely on extensive mitigation and post-certification planning to address fire water, emergency response, water supply, contamination, traffic, habitat, and visual impacts.

Why it matters: Mitigation may reduce impacts, but it does not make site selection irrelevant. When a feasible location could avoid or materially reduce multiple impacts at once, the alternatives analysis should compare it using consistent assumptions and equivalent design detail.

Requested correction: Evaluate the proposed site and Lambie Industrial Park side by side using the same project capacity, technology, interconnection assumptions, construction requirements, fire scenarios, and evaluation criteria.

2. Lambie Requires a Transparent Feasibility Analysis

Reference: Staff Assessment alternatives analysis; Vacaville Firefighters Association comment TN 272310; Solano County and community comments in Docket 24-OPT-05.

Issue: Lambie has been identified in the record as industrially planned and potentially better separated from residences, schools, active farmland, and major transportation corridors. If staff considers Lambie infeasible, the record should disclose the factual assumptions, route, cost, timing, parcel-control, and interconnection evidence supporting that conclusion.

Why it matters: An alternative should not be rejected through conclusory statements or a level of detail that is not applied to the proposed site. The public needs enough information to understand whether claimed obstacles are technical, legal, economic, or merely matters of applicant preference.

Requested correction: Publish a complete Lambie feasibility analysis, including parcel availability, zoning, interconnection route and capacity, required easements, construction impacts, schedule, cost comparison, emergency-response access, water availability, agricultural impacts, and sensitive-receptor distances.

3. The Proposed Project Itself Has Unresolved Property and Water Assumptions

Reference: Solano Irrigation District comment TN 272340; Staff Assessment Project Description and Water Resources sections.

Issue: SID states that the applicant lacks authorization to cross SID property and canals and that there are no pending negotiations. SID also states that construction or trucked water requires special authorization in its discretion. These unresolved assumptions affect the feasibility and environmental description of the proposed project.

Why it matters: It is not reasonable to apply strict feasibility objections to an alternative while overlooking unresolved easement and water constraints affecting the proposed design. Alternatives must be compared on a consistent factual basis.

Requested correction: Correct the proposed-project baseline to reflect the absence of SID crossing rights and any unsecured water arrangements. Compare those constraints directly with the rights, routes, and water sources required at Lambie.

4. Sensitive Receptors and Evacuation Consequences Must Be Compared

Reference: Staff Assessment worker-safety and public-health analysis; proposed PH-1 and PH-2.

Issue: The proposed site is approximately 1.25 miles from Kaiser Permanente Vacaville and near other institutions, homes, Interstate 80, agricultural operations, and industrial facilities. The record should compare the populations, road networks, and critical facilities potentially affected at each location.

Why it matters: A location with greater separation and fewer evacuation conflicts may reduce impacts more reliably than operational mitigation alone. This difference goes to the heart of a reasonable alternatives analysis.

Requested correction: For both sites, map sensitive receptors and model comparable fire, smoke, toxic-gas, evacuation, shelter-in-place, road-closure, and mutual-aid scenarios using the same assumptions.

Conclusion and Requested Action

I request that the Commission decline to certify the Corby project at the proposed site until it completes and circulates a full comparative analysis of Lambie Industrial Park and responds to the evidence already submitted by local agencies and first responders.

If the Commission concludes that Lambie is infeasible, please provide the specific evidence and consistent screening criteria supporting that conclusion. If Lambie is feasible and would avoid or substantially lessen significant effects, the Commission should require the safer industrial location.

Thank you for your consideration and for providing a written response to these issues before project certification.

Sincerely,

Eric Romingquet
Vacaville Resident