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Dangerous Placement and Moratorium Railroading

Dear California Energy Commission and Public,

My name is Sarah Hoving and I am submitting a comment for our household. We reside in Vacaville California and oppose the Corby project with the current technology and placement.

Safer technology already exists and does not have the ill effects of thermal runaway, toxic fumes and ground water contamination. The evacuation zone of 1 mile includes the Kaiser Trauma Hospital, schools, homes, ag land where food is grown and raised (crops, orchards and livestock), tributaries for our clean water and major highway access. In addition approving a project with no formal evacuation plan is supremely dangerous. They plan on submitting one after the Corby project approval. What happens if there is no feasible fire evacuation strategy. Yet the plan moves forward because it was approved. We have no way of knowing that an evacuation plan they come up with will not make sense in a real emergency with even 1/4 of Vacaville residents being evacuated without knowing the plan before the Corby project is approved.

In the event of a fire or emergency at the proposed site evacuation routes are limited once the highway is shut down. With those routes clogged how will emergency response get to the site of the Corby project. The Lambie site is already designated for Industrial Use and by admission of their own people carries nearly the same benefits. It also takes a lot longer to evacuate rural land with livestock, than families from neighborhoods that have several exits and I put that lightly because having to evacuate families in such an instance is traumatic and daunting. The loss of such a degree is devastating, it is a loss of livelihood, a lifestyle and belongings. When the LNU fire happened in 2020 there was little notice, properties are distanced apart, it was chaos and few exits. The fire jumped the highway which surprised people, but the winds in this corridor are very strong and unpredictable. It is often 18-20 mph winds where we're at and we're in a subdivision. The area for the current Corby is wide open on three sides and the fourth side is a home! There is concern with home insurance coverage as it is in California and this will not help with the eligibility, even if coverage is available the cost has increased greatly since the fires in 2020.

There is great concern about food from Solano County becoming contaminated, again, safer tech without thermal runaway risk keeps that from being a concern. Solano County produces food on ag land that feeds our communities, but also the country! The concerns are toxins and noise. Studies have proven speaking negatively or loudly even with kind words will cause a plant to stunt in growth, production and sometimes kill it. My Grandfather told jokes on the radio KSUM (Marv Carlson) to dairy cows and they produced more milk. What damage will a constant buzz do to the quality and quantity of meat and milk production from livestock? What mental and emotional effects does that have on people with a home across the street and many more in very close proximity? Cities all over the world have changed lightbulbs and reduced noise in the evenings to

protect the sleep cycles and migration of wildlife. Yet, putting a facility like this in prime ag land negates those efforts and negatively impacts the environment in many ways. In Moss Landing residents were informed to get their own PPE to clean the ash, not to stir it up, not to eat from their gardens, not to use their air conditioning. This is prime ag land so for what use or when could it be used for food again safely. A thermal runaway fire in New York took 22 million gallons of water, the Corby project was presented as having on-site water. How could 22 million gallons or more of water be stored on-site. Anything less has been proven insufficient. If Corby "ties into" the Vaca-Dixon PG and E substation and there is thermal runaway event, how many people will that effect. Please consider that the substation that serves many in Northern CA could sustain damage. Again this could be mitigated with tech that has no possibility of thermal runaway. Having to turn off A/C in this area and not be able to open windows puts many of us at risk. The summer temperatures regularly reach over 100 degrees F. The other concern is that the power is taken from our area (stored from non peak hours) and distributed to San Francisco. What power benefit does Solano County, but again as it's in our city, Vacaville, receive? There is no solution for this that makes all the other concerns less. The other high risk is that Vacaville specifically will be left in some way with clean up and problems. At the end of the life of the Corby site who is responsible for clean up? What happens to remaining lithium batteries of any kind? Could NextEra be held accountable even if they changed entities, identities or holdings? I want to be clear for Union support, it's the technology and the placement that are the issue. Safer tech on Lambie land will not have opposition as long as it is safe for our community! We want Union jobs for our neighbors, just not ones that put all of us at risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Sarah Hoving
Vacaville Resident