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Lack of traffic flow makes evacuation impossible Please deny lithium BESS in Watsonville

Good afternoon, on Thursday September 17, PG&E was altering three power poles at the intersection of Green Valley and Minto Road at Harvest Moon Market. I was attempting to travel from the north side of Green Valley at Casserly Road towards Minto, to get to Amesti Road. It took over a HALF HOUR to go 1 mile. Traffic absolutely sat at a throttle.

There is no way for people who live on and near Minto Road, within over a mile, to use Green Valley Road (the main and only artery if Paulsen Road is closed due to flooding) if an evacuation was the plan in case of a toxic gas emitting fire.

Can Invenergy show us any sane evidence of an evacuation plan that is grounded in rural Watsonville's actual reality -- a traffic study, alternative routes that will be available in case of a lithium iron battery fire causing hydrogen fluoride gas to seep into the very nearby neighborhood? Shelter-in-place was not an option during the recent lithium iron battery fire in La Verne, CA -- nor will it be an option here. Paulsen Road closes due to flooding for up to 3 months a year. This plan is flawed in so many fundamental ways and to pass it is to be wholly irresponsible to our community. Please deny the application for the "Seahawk" BESS, By the way, all of this is disturbing the real life Osprey at the Lapis substation who is nesting and dealing with helicopters and drones every week. Sanitizing the project to look like a green energy dream with the name Seahawk is preposterous.

The proposed project is on an earthquake fault zone. How many more ways does this project need to be doomed by nature for nature to show us this is NOT the way...?

Sodium chemistry is the only way to go - not catching fire in thermal runaway, not emitting toxic deadly gas, not having to make chronic loud buzzing noise as sodium systems do not require HVAC and inverters 24/7.

When will the powers that be start truly leading for energy efficiency? We should never again consider lithium. Look at two lithium fires in just one week this month in Moss Landing and La Verne. The public certainly is!

Thank you,

Linda Aron