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Opposition to the Seahawk Battery Storage Project

As a Santa Cruz County resident and parent, I oppose approval of the proposed Seahawk Battery Energy Storage System at this location.

I am concerned about potential battery fires, hazardous smoke, evacuation challenges, and impacts to our water, farmland, wildlife, and surrounding communities. Families deserve clear, independently reviewed answers about emergency response, evacuation routes, and how residents and first responders would be protected in a serious incident.

I ask the California Energy Commission to reject this proposed location and require a thorough evaluation of alternative sites and technologies. The review must meaningfully address environmental impacts, protect Indigenous cultural resources through consultation with affected Tribal communities, and include accessible public participation in English and Spanish.

Our communityâ€™s health, safety, and connection to this land must carry real weight in this decision. Please enter my opposition into the public record for Docket 26-OPT-02.