

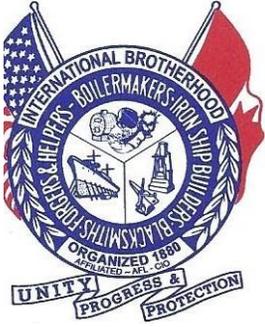
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The Best of both worlds

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California Energy Commission,

This facility is truly the best of both worlds. Finally, a project that gets to incorporate highly skilled and trained working-class people of California with an opportunity to transition into real clean energy technology. Solar is not for everyone, only a small portion of workers, and will not help facilitate “just inequitable transitions” into California's new clean energy horizon.

Battery storage facilities and solar panels are extensive and require toxic and precious materials to manufacture. The landscape and acreage that solar panels and battery storage occupy is an eyesore to say the least. This facility is the best of both worlds supplying on demand energy to continue fueling California robust economy.

I believe the land use is much better suited to this facility than farmland. Agriculture in California has not done much to mitigate the effects of climate change or increase natural biodiversity. The proposed project will lessen our dependence on fossil fuels in a way agriculture cannot. It outweighs the loss of the farmland.

We truly have an opportunity to set the stage for the rest of the world to follow and to be leaders in helping our country, and today's world meet our climate change goals while supplying highly skilled jobs for local Californians. We highly support this, and future clean energies to come.

Respectfully,

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