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I am appalled that the Energy Commission would entertain the idea of putting this storage facility in our area. South Orange County, CA is densely populated and becoming even more so every year. My concerns about this project stem from the fact that Lithium-ion batteries are well known to explode and catch fire without warning, spewing toxic matter in their vicinity. And we all know about the warnings of putting these batteries in airline luggage, and have to sign a Hazardous Materials screen at the U.S. Post Office when trying to mail any electronics containing a Lithium-ion battery. Shipping boxes from vendors also carry this warning.

To make matters worse, the proposed site is on a brushy hillside with a steep slope up to hundreds of homes. Southern California is notorious for brushfires which race up hill sides in minutes, and it is not unthinkable that a fire started by a battery explosion would quickly engulf the hillside and then immediately destroy the homes at the crest. You are no doubt aware that Insurance companies have begun cancelling home insurance policies due to wildfires!! To leave these homeowners unprotected is simply unconscionable. Why not relocate the storage facility further east to an area with no adjacent homes. Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts.