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No to Battery Farm

I object to the Compass Energy BESS facility proposed in San Juan Capistrano. The area is surrounded by homes, schools, churches, natural habitat, watershed, recreational trails, and wildlife. Directly surrounding the proposed area is dry brush much of the year, which has had many fires in the past. Immediately to the west, are 250-300'™ hills with residences just over the crest. Lithium batteries present known fire danger with toxic fumes. There are numerous reports stating that firefighters are not equipped to effectively fight lithium fires. The fires are not extinguishable with water, and they are known to restart themselves for days (such as at a San Diego BESS, a few months ago). Fire would likely burn uphill endangering the citizens and homes of Laguna Niguel and San Juan Capistrano, as well as blocking access to Highway 5 and trains east of the proposed site.

San Juan Capistrano already rejected this project, and Laguna Niguel is also against it. The State should not force the issue down residents'™ throats in favor of (ultimately) the most expensive power company in the nation.

I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission reject this project application.