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Solano County Moratorium on NextEra BESS

I recently learned that NextEra is attempting to bypass Solano County's active moratorium on BESS by applying to the State of California to locate their BESS in Solano County.

Solano County has a vested interest in protecting physical safety of its citizens, value of our properties, and interests of our emergency responders.

I am asking you to deny NextEra's application to locate BESS near my home. Their lithium battery storage plant would endanger residents and animals, adversely impact home values and cause noise disturbance for residents living nearby. This would be minimal impact, assuming that no fires would occur; fires at such plants are disturbingly common.

If there were a fire, we would have damaging effects from toxic smoke on the health of residents, pets and livestock, possibly including deaths. There would be deleterious effects on our water caused by toxic runoff from firefighting efforts, and the health of firefighters could be negatively impacted from firefighting efforts in this highly toxic environment.

Additionally, road and highway closures would affect commuters and residents, causing financial hardship for those forced to evacuate, and creating great inconvenience impacting Solano County and surrounding counties, since many residents have long commutes to jobs in neighboring counties.

Post fire environmental damage would be extensive and require costly remediation, which taxpayers would be forced to bear.

I am asking the State to support Solano County by not permitting such an end run around our well-thought-out moratorium and policies protecting residents and businesses as well as commuters from such hazardous risks.

Please tell NextEra they are not going to be allowed to make this end run around Solano County's leadership; allow Solano County to stand up for our citizens.