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Community Petition

On May 1, 2025, E. Phillips, Dudek Consultant submitted a redacted version of the Community Support Petition that was referenced in the submission a few days earlier. Soon after L. Carpenter submitted a written submission that stated the Community Support Petition was “disingenuous support” because those who signed were not in the local community impacted. I agree 100%! I felt this was worth a deeper dive regarding the petition.

The zip codes that surround the proposed site for the Lithium Battery Farm are: 92629 (Dana Point), 92649 (Mission Viejo), 92675 (San Juan Capistrano), 92694 (Ladera Ranch), and 92677 (Laguna Niguel).

The petition has approximately 235 names yet only 8 are individuals that listed the above zip codes on the petition. That means 97% of those names on the petition do not live anywhere near the proposed site. Yet the correspondence from E. Phillips refers to the petition as demonstrating “community support.”

This is absolutely “disingenuous” as indicated by L. Carpenter.

As the Energy Commission who will be making the decision to approve or deny you should be asking “Why would Dudek misrepresent the survey?” I think the answer is obvious, this Lithium Farm proposal lacks community support and this surgery is an attempt to overcome this severe negative response by the surrounding community.

Please evaluate this survey based on the fact that 97% of those who signed are not in the community or stakeholders, they are from outside the local area and will not be impacted if a disaster occurs.

The description of the survey as submitted by Dudek ,”250 signatures from local residents.”