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This project has significant adverse Environmental Safety and Community impact. There is too much risk for the proposed site for this BESS. The region is very dry and a very high fire risk. In addition, the population is too dense with residents and horse farms that would not be able to evacuate in a timely fashion if something were go to wrong at the site, which is a very strong possibility when one considers what happened in Moss Landing, California. The BESS fire in Moss Landing prompted evacuations of nearby residents and concerns of air quality and potential health impacts from the toxic smoke.

The commission needs to deny approval of this project and explore safer, more suitable location for a BESS.