

PLEASE VOTE AGAINST AES SOLAR BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT

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To the Commissioners:

We moved to Eldorado from the Bay Area two years ago, a beautiful place in Santa Fe County that we chose for open space and a safe place to make our home.

No BESS project was listed in the disclosures when we bought our house. Had we known this was possible, we would not have bought in Eldorado. Through acquaintances who work in utilities in other areas, and being well acquainted with Moss Landing, we have come to understand the fire risks of a battery storage facility. As a friend who was a longtime manager of Florida Keys Electric told me, batteries DO NOT LIKE HEAT. With our environment of high temperatures, dry grasses and strong wind most of the year, this is an area where the risk should not be undertaken.

We are in FAVOR of safe solar energy! Please send this project back to the drawing board so that a safer solution can be found. It is no secret that AES has a significantly poor safety record for their solar projects.

Santa Fe County deserves a better!

Sincerely,

Brian Gross

Dana Stone