



Fw: Evacuation plans?

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Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 6:35:28 AM

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Subject: Evacuation plans?

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Hank,

But folks have heard back from sources that say that other dates were available. Why is that day sacred, if changing it would allow a more open, democratic meeting? Are you on Next Door—just to follow the flow of conversation? You might want to be, or have one of your staff just monitor how things are going in the local community.

I understand that you cannot be making comments on either side or show favoritism in any way.

On another topic—which is the safety of students and staff at the two schools within reach of a fire or chemical release from the batteries.

What is the plan for evacuation of the schools? And by evacuation, I mean removal of the hundreds of student to a safe place if, God forbid, a fire or chemical release occurs? I have taught at both sites and know of no evacuation or removal plans away from danger if fire broke out, for instance. But I have been retired for awhile and am not up on the latest.

Here in ElDorado, we have walked students from the school to the ECIA offices, near the pool. And Shelter-in-place is practiced at all of the schools in the district on a scheduled basis.

But what is the plan for evacuation, in case of a fire?

Is there a county evacuation plan for ElDorado residents, in general, in case of fire or chemical release?

I'm thinking of the horrific problems in that lovely Hawaiian community that had no plan or early warning and people died and houses burned.

ElDorado school at least has a place to go. Where would Turquoise Trail students and staff relocate to?

I am really concerned about this. It seems be an issue that is somehow being ignored in all of the discussion of AES.

Millie McFarland.

On Jun 30, 2025, at 3:30 PM, Hank Hughes <hhughes@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

There was no bigger space that can legally use that day. So we are stuck with the County Chambers

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From: Milicent McFarland <milliemc@cybermesa.com>

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Subject: August 12 meeting on solar batteries near ElDorado

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Dear Hank and other county decision makers,

I am writing about the questionable choice of meeting site for the final citizen input meeting regarding AES.

I am hearing that you all are considering a site not big enough to hold all, possibly 300 or so, residents and citizens interested in expressing their support or opposition to AES?

I would assume you would choose something like the lovely, spacious, and comfortable Sweeney Convention Center.

"The convention center is a highly adaptable, state-of-the-art facility in which to gather and work. Features of the center include 40,000 square feet of rentable interior meeting space, outdoor meeting areas, fireplaces in some rooms, underground parking, an open interior courtyard, wireless connectivity, high-speed data lines, and flexible meeting space to provide multiple events with their own exhibition area, breakout rooms, and meal function space." (<https://www.santafe.org/meetings/meet-different/the-convention-center/>)

But instead I am hearing that some of us who appear on August 12 to present our opinions and feelings to our county representatives will be shunted off to some smaller venue, out of sight and hearing of the rest of the attendees; marginalized. It is as if you are saying that we don't matter.

Considering how much time and effort and resources have already been spent on this, why not end with the best situation possible?

Please use a site large enough to seat ALL attendees in one place, so that everyone can be heard and seen by everyone else.

Let's not marginalize any of your constituents.

* I DECIDED TO SEND THIS IN THE HOPE SOMEONE WILL LISTEN AND DECIDE TO HOLD THE FINAL MEETINGS IN A PLACE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THE EXPECTED CITIZENRY.

Sincerely,
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