



FW: Proposed solar array

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I understand that a vote on the AES solar array installation may be coming soon.

Both my husband and I are against locating the proposed large solar array project in the site now planned, primarily because of the fire danger of the large lithium batteries. There are many other safer locations.

AES has not proved that their new configuration of batteries is any safer than some of the other locations where there have been fires.

although here they have a somewhat different configuration and use of batteries. They CLAIM that the proposed installation will be safer, but we are the guinea pigs and the ones in danger if there is a problem.

Our house has solar panels and a storage battery so we are a proponent of solar. However west and so close to Eldorado seems dangerous.

As a resident of Eldorado you surely have concerns about how fast a fire could spread across the grasslands during typically windy weather.

I am concerned and surprised that the county planning commission gave its approval (my husband was on that panel for several years).

So please can you and the County Commission stop this project.

Thank you.

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