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RUTH BROCK'S EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH LA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT REGARDING HECATE GRID HUMIDOR PROJECT, ET AL BESS PROJECTS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED IN ACTON, CA

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SUBJECT: Acton BESS Opposition | FIREScope video

Dear Ms. Bodek,

I would like to submit this firefighting training resource video to you and all staff in Planning that are involved in the review process of the Hecate Grid Humidor Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project proposal.

https://youtu.be/JSj8_TVWbK

The video was produced by FIREScope CALIFORNIA
Website: <https://firescope.caloes.ca.gov/Pages/About.aspx>

FACT

Safety knowledge and mitigation procedures are failing to keep up with the technology that is leaping forward without critical foundational safety measures in place.

In simple terms, the Energy Industry is out over its skis.

This is the very argument that the residents of Acton are making in opposition to these Battery Energy Storage System projects that have set their sights on our community for development.

The state government and Energy Industry are rushing to meet decarbonization goals without having the necessary foundational safety measures in place with respect to the lithium-ion battery, which is the battery of choice in these applications.

The video provided above proves how fire agencies are also struggling to keep up with the training and safety procedures necessary to mitigate the unprecedented dangers of these lithium-ion batteries while also protecting fire personnel.

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If a battery storage project — Hecate's Humidor — was to be approved in a location such as Acton, where it would be amongst residents in a Very High Fire Hazard Area, you are placing a tremendous amount of pressure on our LA County Fire Department to thwart a potential disaster.

Until a battery technology emerges with a much lower fire, overheating, thermal runaway, explosion and toxicity risk that can be utilized in these utility scale applications, there needs to be extreme scrutiny given to the safe siting of these facilities using large capacity lithium-ion batteries.

“Distribution” or “transmission,” they all would carry the same potential risk to life and property. The difference in risk would be determined only by their siting.

Please take 15 minutes to watch this very important and informative firefighting training video at the link provided above.

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