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Dear County Supervisors,

>> Agenda Item A-21, unfortunately proposes to only “watch” rather than support AB 303, even though none of the other bills considered address the issue of prohibiting the siting of BESS facilities near sensitive receptors.

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>> Assembly member Addis introduced her bill with the express purpose of ensuring that no BESS facilities were within 3,200 feet of sensitive receptors including schools and agricultural lands.

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> Yet, A-32 proposes a BESS at the NBJ, which by definition is a sensitive receptor as it would be nearly impossible to evacuate the facility in the event of a fire, and the facility is nearly completely surrounded by agriculture, not to mention Tanglewood.

The typical wind pattern, in the event of a fire, would also affect Orcutt and Santa Maria.

Please do not endanger the lives of deputies, inmates, farm workers and the neighboring communities to chase net zero.

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