



County of Santa Barbara

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minute Order

March 11, 2025

Present: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

File Reference No. 25-00171

RE: HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding an Informational Report Regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems, and Moss Landing Fire, as follows: (EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

- a) Receive and File a report;
- b) Provide direction to staff as appropriate; and
- c) Find that the proposed action is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment and is therefore not a project under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines 14 CCR 15378(b)(5).

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: POLICY

HEARING TIME: 10:23 AM - 12:16 PM (1 HR. 53 MIN.)

Received and filed staff presentation and conducted a public hearing.

Lee Heller, Katie Davis, Thomas Becker, Spencer Brandt, Irene Cooke, Sherry Foster, Angelica Gutierrez, Andy Caldwell, Terri Stricklin, Bill Baker and Craig Lewis addressed the Board.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hartmann, seconded by Supervisor Capps, that this matter be acted on as follows:

- a) Received and filed;
- b) Directed staff, as follows: (1) Send the County Legislative Committee direction to advocate for AB 303 (to increase local control); (2) Review the noticing area to residents the distance for sitting battery plants; Air Quality Monitoring and presence of on-site personnel; and (3) Proceed to develop proposals for batteries on the two County sites that were previously determined; and
- c) Approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Lee, Supervisor Capps, Supervisor Hartmann, Supervisor Nelson, and Supervisor Lavagnino