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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
107.	53	Favor	Jackie Waltman	
			Robert Corona	
		Item Total	2	
53.		Favor	Dylan Banks	Lending my support for Humidor Storage.
			Jackie Waltman	
			Robert Corona	



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53.		Oppose	Jacqueline Ayer	<p>The Acton Town Council is very concerned by Agenda Item 53 and the motion which declares the Humidor Battery storage project and associated 230 kV transmission line to be categorically exempt from CEQA. The whole Humidor project occupies more than 600,000 square feet and it includes a new 230 kV transmission line as well as more than 100 interconnected battery containers and inverter blocks each of which is 1,400 square feet in area! This project is the size and scope of a large subdivision project that creates more than 100 single family homes!</p> <p>Yet you are claiming that this enormous project qualifies for a Class 3 CEQA exemption which is supposed to only apply to small developments of limited size that involve only a few small structures (such as the construction of one single family home). A Class 3 CEQA exemption does not apply to this project because it involves the construction of more than 100 structures that are each as large as a 1,400 square foot home on more than 600,000 square feet! The scope and scale of the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project is not limited to a few small and minor structures so a Class 3 Exemption cannot be relied upon.</p> <p>You are also claiming that this enormous project qualifies for a Class 4 CEQA exemption which is supposed to only apply to small projects involving minor land alterations such as adding landscaping or minor grading. However, stripping more than 600, 000 square feet of land and then installing transmission facilities and hundreds of huge structures is not a minor alteration of land; therefore, the Class 4 exemption does not apply to the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project.</p> <p>You are also claiming that this enormous Humidor project qualifies for a Class 5 CEQA exemption which is supposed to only apply to minor alterations in land use restrictions such as setback waivers and lot line adjustments and does not apply to any projects that involve changes in land use. The Class 5 exemption does not apply to the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project because the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project does not involve any alterations to land use restrictions. More importantly, the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project involve extensive land use changes because it completely eliminates a community serving recreational facility that is an important community resource and provides local employment opportunities! None of the Categorical CEQA Exemptions claimed for the humidor BESS and transmission line project are valid because the Humidor BESS and transmission line project does not reflect any of the restrictions and limitations that are imposed by these exemptions. Yet, you are about to adopt a motion which improperly declares these Categorical exemptions to be valid. The Acton Town Council is beginning to wonder if the law actually means anything to the County any more. Is an expedient approval for this project so important to you that you are willing to sacrifice CEQA and abrogate your statutory responsibility to comply with CEQA? Is this really the situation in which we now find ourselves?</p> <p>The Acton Town Council respectfully urges you to reconsider this motion and the categorical CEQA exemptions that it relies upon and provide a proper CEQA document for the Humidor BESS and transmission line Project.</p>
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53.		Oppose	Jacqueline Ayer	SORT notes that, on Friday, you posted a 190 page report on this item which supports the motion and resolution that you intend to adopt for this item. You have given the public just 3 days to review and comment on this report. It seems pretty clear that you are not interested in hearing from the public before adopting this resolution and motion because if you were, you would give the public more than 3 days to review and comment on the report. However, it is appreciated that, on Item 53, the County finally recognizes that the Humidor Transmission Line is part of the Humidor BESS project and that they are going to be considered together as a single project for the purpose of CEQA. SORT will be providing detailed comments before October 29 when you have scheduled final approval for this project. However, one thing that we will note now is that your report states that the Humidor BESS project is just a small project that only involves minor battery facilities in small cabinets that are equivalent to commercial freezers. All of this is factually untrue. The Humidor BESS is actually 545 MW, not 400 MW, and each of the 110 interconnected Battery units has the footprint of a 1400 square foot house, not a commercial freezer. On that basis alone you should suspend this item and reconsider it.
		Item Total	5	
Grand Total			7	

Talamantes, Cristina

From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 9:14 PM
To: First District; Holly J. Mitchell; Third District; Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District); Barger, Kathryn
Cc: ExecutiveOffice; PublicComments
Subject: *10/8/24* FW: Support for Hecate Grid's Project in Acton

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From: Sam Kukucka <kukuckasam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 12:53 PM
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Hecate Grid's Project in Acton

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To the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to express my support for Hecate Grid's Humidor Storage project at the upcoming hearing. As you consider granting their franchise agreement, I urge you to think about the grid reliability that this project will have for the Los Angeles area.

California is no stranger to brownouts or even blackouts. During these peak times in California's electricity demand, especially during the summer months or in a heat like we experienced at the beginning of September, battery storage can be used to help meet energy needs.

By storing renewable energy when it's not needed, battery storage facilities, like this one, will help power thousands of homes in the area when it's needed most.

I hope that you will join me in supporting battery storage projects here in the County, starting with the Humidor Storage Project.

Thank you.

All the best,

Samantha Kukucka, ACSW

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From: ExecutiveOffice
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 11:31 AM
To: PublicComments
Cc: First District; Holly J. Mitchell; Third District; Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District); Barger, Kathryn
Subject: *10/8/24* FW: Grid Reliability/Enable Renewables

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From: Samantha Dorenfeld <srdoenfeld@gmail.com>
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Thank you.

Best,
Samantha Dorenfeld

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To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for Battery Storage in LA County

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To the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a resident of LA County in favor of Hecate Grid's battery storage project in Acton. Hecate has shown that they will be a good partner to our county, not only through careful siting practices but with the economic benefits that go along with the project.

During construction, there will be union construction jobs available. These are good paying jobs that help support working families. There will also be long term positions available during the operation of the project.

Additionally, millions will be provided through the tax revenue over the life of the project. This can help support essential services such as first responders and infrastructure.

Please consider the benefits this project would have not only for Acton but for LA County as a whole. I hope that you will grant Hecate the franchise agreement they need to move forward.

Thank you.
Sent from my iPhone