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9 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: WITH THAT WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE
10 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, 65. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE
11 TELEPHONE PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE READ IN THE SHORT TITLE.

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14 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: ITEM 65, A HEARING ON ORDINANCE FOR
15 ADOPTION GRANTING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO
16 HECATE GRID STORAGE 1LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
17 TO TRANSMIT ELECTRICITY FOR A PERIOD OF 35 YEARS EXPIRING
18 DECEMBER 25, 2059. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED
19 A WRITTEN PROTEST REGARDING THIS ITEM INCLUDED IN TODAY'S
20 POSTED AGENDA. UNDER PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE 6234 AFTER HEARING
21 AND CONSIDERING THE PROTEST THE BOARD MAY FIND THE PROTEST
22 INSUFFICIENT AND MAY DENY THE PROTEST. IF SUCH A FINDING IS
23 MADE THE BOARD MAY GRANT THE FRANCHISE. NO DEPARTMENTAL
24 STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

1 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. I SEE WE HAVE A
2 VERY ESTEEMED PANEL BEFORE US. YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION THAT
3 YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? NO DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION AT THIS
4 TIME. ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE
5 COMMENT.

7 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, MY DISTRICT.
8 FIRST OF ALL THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. I KNOW THAT WE WILL
9 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM SOME RESIDENTS FROM THE ACTON
ACTON,
10 YOU GOT IN ABOUT 10:30 THIS MORNING, THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT
11 SOME OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE HEARD CENTER AROUND THE SAFETY OF
12 THESE -- THE STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE LITHIUM BATTERIES.
13 BEFORE I JUMP TO THOSE QUESTIONS, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU,

14 AMY. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND WE'LL
15 HEAR MORE TODAY, ABOUT THEIR VERY REAL FIERCE ABOUT
16 OVERCONCENTRATION AND THE BOARD APPROVED MY MOTION TO
CREATE A

17 COUNTYWIDE ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SITING OF THESE PROJECTS IN
18 COUNTY CODE. I'M CURIOUS WHERE WE ARE ON THAT DEVELOPMENT.
AND

19 WHEN IS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GOING TO START ESPECIALLY UP IN THE
20 ACTON AREA WHERE I HEARD FROM MANY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE
SERIOUS
21 CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONCENTRATION IN THAT CORRIDOR RIGHT
THERE.

23 >> AMY BODEK: CERTAINLY, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK YOU.
24 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT A YEAR AGO, IS WHEN YOU ACTUALLY AUTHORED
25 THAT MOTION. AND THEN IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THERE WAS A
1 SIMILAR MOTION RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY. WE'RE COMBINING
2 THE TWO REQUESTS, THE ONE FOR BATTERY ELECTRIC STORAGE AND THE
3 ONE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY INTO A SINGLE WORK PRODUCT. AND
4 PROGRAMMATIC EIR. WE GOT A GRANT FROM THE STATE CEC TO HELP US
5 WITH THE TECHNICAL STUDY AND WE HAVE SELECTED A CONSULTANT
AND

6 ARE WORKING ON THAT TECHNICAL STUDY RIGHT NOW. ONCE THAT
7 TECHNICAL STUDY TELLS US SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE PROJECTS
8 THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT WE'LL ACTUALLY BEGIN THAT COMMUNITY
9 OUTREACH WHICH WE EXPECT TO DO SOME TIME IN LATE SPRING.

11 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: KNOWING THAT THERE MAY BE OTHERS
12 COMING FORWARD, ARE THEY PAUSING UNTIL WE GET THIS ORDINANCE
13 IN PLAY?

15 >> AMY BODEK: THERE IS NO MORATORIUM IN PLACE. 16

17 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: DO WE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS?
18 ONES COMING ONLINE I, IF IT'S IN MY DISTRICT, WILL NOT
17. 19 ENTERTAIN ANYMORE UNTIL WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE.
THAT

18. 20 WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST WAS TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS
NOT

19. 21 AN OVERCONCENTRATION IN ONE AREA. THIS IS A CONCERN THAT I HAD

20. 22 AS IT RELATES TO SOLAR FARMS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND I

21. 23 FEEL THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE

22. 24 GOVERNOR IS FOCUSED ON BATTERY STORAGE. AND SO I WILL SAY FOR

23. 25 THE PUBLIC, AND FOR ALL THOSE THAT MAY BE SUBMITTING

1. 1 APPLICATIONS, THERE WILL BE A PAUSE UNTIL THIS IS DONE. SO I

2. 2 SUGGEST THAT WE GET THE ORDINANCE WRITTEN AND WE BEGIN TO DO

3. 3 THE SITE LOCATION. BECAUSE, AGAIN, THAT'S A COMMITMENT I MADE

4. 4 TO THE RESIDENTS WHEN I APPROVED THE ONE THAT CAME THAT HAD

5. 5 ALREADY GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE AN

6. 6 ORDINANCE WE APPLIED TO SOMETHING ELSE. SO THAT'S IMPORTANT. I

7. 7 MEAN, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD HAVE A MORATORIUM PENDING AN

8. 8 ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE WE USED IS NOT REALLY APPLICABLE AS

9. 9 IT RELATES TO WHAT THIS IS DOING ALTHOUGH IT WAS ENOUGH TO

10. 10 PASS THE SCRUTINY OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL. BUT I FEEL I'VE GIVEN

11. 11 MY WORD TO MY CONSTITUENTS. SO MORATORIUM IS GOING TO BE IN

12. 12 PLACE UNTIL WE GET IT DONE. WHEN CAN YOU -- WHEN DO YOU THINK

13. 13 IT CAN BE COMPLETED? IF IT'S BEEN A YEAR.

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15. 15 >> AMY BODEK: IT DEPENDS HOW MUCH OUTREACH YOU WOULD LIKE US

16. 16 TO DO. WE HAVE TO DO THIS COUNTYWIDE. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS IN

17. 17 THE COUNTY THAT ARE GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO THIS SAME ORDINANCE

18. 18 A ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS DOES SLOW DOWN THE

19. 19 ORDINANCE PREPARATION.

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21 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: HOW MANY HAVE YOU HAD SO FAR? 22

23 >> AMY BODEK: WE JUST BROUGHT THE CONSULTANT ON.

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25 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: A YEAR AND YOU JUST BROUGHT THE

1 CONSULTANT ON. 2

3. 3 >> AMY BODEK: A YEAR BECAUSE WE GOT THE GRANT MONEY IN

4. 4 SEPTEMBER AND DID NOT HAVE THE MONEYS TO BRING THE
CONSULTANT

5. 5 ON UNTIL THEN.

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7 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AGAIN, A SENSE OF URGENCY. 8

9 >> AMY BODEK: I HEAR YOU.

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11. 11 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: IT IS FOCUSED ON THE ACTON UP TO THE

12. 12 ANTELOPE VALLEY PRIMARILY. THAT IS WHERE THE IMPACT IS THE

13. 13 GREATEST. THAT IS MY CONCERN. AS IT RELATES TO THE IMPACT IT

14. 14 IS GOING TO HAVE ON THE COMMUNITY. ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL

15. 15 AREAS. SO I'M RESPECTFULLY ASKING THAT WE ACCELERATE THAT.
AND

16. 16 I WILL ASK FOR A MEETING WITH THE CONSULTANT TO MAKE SURE
THAT

17. 17 THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A BOTTOM-UP APPROACH, LISTEN TO THE

18. 18 RESIDENTS, GET THEIR FEEDBACK. AND THEN BRING FORWARD AN

19. 19 ORDINANCE THAT ADDRESSES -- THE ORDINANCE CAN BE WRITTEN
RIGHT

20. 20 NOW, I ASSUME.

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22. 22 >> AMY BODEK: WE ARE RELYING ON THEM FOR THE TECHNICAL

23. 23 EXPERTISE THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF THESE

24. 24 FACILITIES.

1. 1 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: OKAY. SO, MARK, YOU DON'T GET OFF

2. 2 EASY, PESTRELLA. WELCOME BACK, I KNOW THAT YOU WERE
IMPACTED

3. 3 BY THE FIRES UP IN CAMARILLO AND I'M GLAD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

4. 4 ARE OKAY, I KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS SUFFERED GREAT LOSSES. NOT
TO

5. 5 THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE. I EXTEND MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO

6. 6 YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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8 >> THANK YOU. 9

10. 10 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: SO WHAT IS THE REMAINING PROCESS

11. 11 PERMITTING AND APPROVALS FOR THE COUNTY BEFORE THIS PROJECT

12. 12 CAN OFFICIALLY BREAK GROUND AND EVENTUALLY COME ONLINE, THE

13. 13 ONE THAT WAS APPROVED.

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15. 15 >> MARK PESTRELLA: WHAT IS REMAINING FOR THE PROCESS FOR

16. 16 PERMITTING APPROVALS IN THE COUNTY BEFORE THE PROJECT CAN

17. 17 OFFICIALLY BREAK GROUND, WE WILL HAVE THE APPLICANT HAS TO

18. 18 MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITS. THE COUNTY BUILDING

19. 19 AND SAFETY WILL NOT ISSUE THAT BUILDING PERMIT UNTIL ALL

20. 20 JURISDICTIONAL APPROVALS ARE COMPLETED. AND CONSTRUCTION

21. 21 DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE APPROVED AND REVIEWED BY THE L.A. COUNTY

22. 22 FIRE DEPARTMENT, COUNTY BUILDING AND SAFETY FOR THE BUILDING

23. 23 ITSELF SUBSTATION, STRUCTURAL AREA, WE HAVE A GRADING PERMIT,

24. 24 ELECTRICAL PERMITS, SWITCH GEAR COMMITS, COUNTY ROAD

25. 25 COMMISSIONER, COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR

1. 1 QUALITY MANAGEMENT WILL BE WAIT PARTICIPATING IN THE REVIEW OF

2. 2 THE APPLICATION FOR PERMITS. CONSTRUCTION CANNOT COMMENCE ON

3. 3 THE SITE UNTIL THAT PERMIT IS ACTUALLY ISSUED. WE THINK THE

4 PLAN REVIEW WILL TAKE 8 5

6. 6 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:

7. 7 RELATES TO ANY PROJECT?

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TO 12 MONTHS.

WHAT IS THE ACTION TODAY DO AS IT

9. 9 >> MARK PESTRELLA: I'LL

10. 10 GIVE YOU THE ANSWER TO THAT.

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12. 12 >> LUIS RAMIREZ: GOOD TO SEE YOU. THE ACTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

13. 13 TODAY ARE RELATED TO THE PAST ACTION THAT THE BOARD TOOK ON

14. 14 OCTOBER 8 WHEN IT APPROVED THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO GRANT

15. 15 THE 35 YEAR ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE TO HECATE GRID

16. 16 HUMIDOR STORAGE LLC. WE'RE HERE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR YOU,

17. 17 THE BOARD, TO CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS TO ADOPTING THE

18. 18 ORDINANCE AS WELL AS OUR RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT THE FRANCHISE

19. 19 TO HECATE. WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD TO FIND THAT THE GRANTING OF

20. 20 THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL

21. 21 QUALITY ACT, CEQA. BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION MORE DIRECTLY,

22. 22 THE ACTIONS TODAY THEY WILL ALLOW HECATE AS THE DIRECTOR SAID

23. 23 ONCE THEY OBTAIN PERMITS TO INSTALL THE ELECTRICAL

24. 24 TRANSMISSION LINES WITHIN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. THAT IS THE

25. 25 REASON WHY WE NEED A FRANCHISE. IT WILL BE INSTALLING NEW

LET THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR LUIS RAMIREZ

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1. 1 LINES ALONG THE
2. 2 LIKE A LEASE --

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4 >> SUP. KATHRYN 5

RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE FRANCHISE IS A PERMIT ALMOST
BARGER: NOT THE STORAGE FACILITY.

6. 6 >> LUIS RAMIREZ: THIS IS RELATED TO THE ELECTRICAL
7. 7 TRANSMISSION LINES.

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9. 9 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: NOTHING TO DO WITH LAND USE, THIS IS
10. 10 THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

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12. 12 >> LUIS RAMIREZ: YES, THAT APPROVAL HAS TAKEN PLACE.
APPROVING

13. 13 THE ORDINANCE WOULDN'T REOPEN THE LAND USE APPROVAL.

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15. 15 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: DO WE HAVE SIMILAR AGREEMENTS OF
THIS

16. 16 TYPE, INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-
WAY

17. 17 OR IS IT A FIRST OF ITS KIND?

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19. 19 >> LUIS RAMIREZ: WE HAVE SEVERAL. THE BOARD HAS I A APPROVED
20. 20 MANY OTHER ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISES. THESE HAVE
BEEN

21. 21 MOSTLY ASSOCIATED WITH PHOTOVOLTAIC PROCESS, THE
UNDERGROUND

22. 22 LINES THAT CARRY THE POWER TO THE EDISON GRID.

- 24 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU FOR THAT. AS IT RELATES TO

25 CHIEF MARRONE, AND WE TALKED ABOUT THIS, THERE HAVE BEEN
1 SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE RECENTLY INCIDENTS INVOLVING LITHIUM
2 BATTERIES, ONE IN PARTICULAR IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT, A TRUCK
3 THAT OVERTURNED. WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THESE AND
4 ULTIMATELY HOW DO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO AN INCIDENT
5 AT A BESS FACILITY IN L.A. COUNTY.

7 >> **CHIEF MARRONE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. LITHIUM ION BATTERIES ARE
8 EVERYWHERE. FROM VAPE PENS TO POWER TOOL BATTERIES TO ELECTRIC
9 VEHICLES, POWER WALLS IN PEOPLE'S RESIDENCES AND THE THREE
10 LARGE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS THAT WE CURRENTLY
HAVE IN

11 L.A. COUNTY. I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE HAD NO INCIDENTS
12 AT THE THREE LARGE BESS PROGRAMS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN
13 L.A. COUNTY. WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THESE FACILITIES ABIDE BY
14 THE STRINGENT CODES, BOTH THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE CODE, STATE
15 FIRE CODE, THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, OUR NATIONAL FIRE
16 PROTECTION ASSOCIATION GUIDELINES, AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
17 REGULATIONS. AS TIME GOES ON THE TECHNOLOGY IS GETTING BETTER
18 AND THE SAFETY OF THE FACILITIES IS INCREASING. I KNOW THAT WE
19 DID HAVE AN ISSUE DOWN IN OTAY MESA IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.
SHOULD

20 BE NOTED THAT BESS FIRE THAT, FACILITY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO
21 BE BUILT TODAY UNDER THE STRINGENT CODES THAT WE ARE UNDER IN
22 L.A. COUNTY.

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24 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: UNLIKE A FIRE, LIKE WE SAW UP IN
25 VENTURA COUNTY, THERE ARE NO EMBERS THAT FLOAT.

2 >> **MARRONE:** CORRECT, THE THERMAL ENERGY DOES NOT CREATE AN
3 EMBER CAST LIKE A BRUSH FIRE. THERE'S NO FREE CARBON PARTICLES
4 CARRIED 1 TO 3 MILES THAT CAN START A BRUSH FIRE. OUR TACTICS
5 AND OUR STRATEGY WHEN IT COMES TO BESS FIRES IS TO ALLOW
6 TO CONSUME THEMSELVES ANSWERS PROTECT ANY EXPOSURES. WE
7 OUR WATER APPLICATION BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANY

8 RUNOFF THAT CAN CONTAMINATE THE WATER TABLE. WE ONLY DO
9 EXPOSURE PROTECTION. WATER IS OF LITTLE VALUE ON A BATTERY
10 STORAGE SYSTEM. THE BEST METHOD TO ALLOW THE FIRE TO BURN
11 ITSELF OUT.

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13 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT BUILDING A
14 FACILITY OR TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION LOCATION AS FAR AS
15 CLEARANCE AROUND THE FACILITY AS WELL, SO THERE'S NO BRUSH.

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17 >> **CHIEF MARRONE:** YES, AND WE SEPARATE THE CELLS A MINIMUM OF
18 8 FEET TO PREVENT THAT EXPOSURE TO OTHER CELLS THAT ARE NOT ON
19 FIRE.

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21 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AND I'VE NEVER SEEN A FACILITY, SEEN
22 PICTURES, THE LITHIUM ION, WHO REGULATES THE STORAGE ITSELF AS
23 IT RELATES TO IF IT'S BEING STORED PROPERLY?

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25 >> **CHIEF MARRONE:** I THINK IT'S A COMBINATION OF THE L.A.

1 COUNTY FIRE CODE, THE STATE CODE AND INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
2 AND NFPA STANDARDS, ELECTRICAL, AND BUILDING CODES. THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ADVISORIES AND ALL OF OUR WATER AND
4 ACCESS REQUIREMENTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE FACILITIES
5 MEET THE MOST STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE ON THE
6 BOOKS

7 TODAY. BUT EVERY TIME THERE IS AN INCIDENT NATIONALLY, WE
8 LEARN A LITTLE SOMETHING. WE DO A FIRE INSPECTOR THAT DOES
9 THIS FULL TIME. AND HE DOES SIT ON BOTH THE UNDERWRITERS
10 LABORATORY AND THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION'S
11 COMMITTEES THAT HELP WRITE THESE STANDARDS.

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13 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: YOU BROUGHT UP SAN DIEGO AND I KNOW
14 THEY RECENTLY CREATED AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESPONSE,
15 EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR POSITION. IS THAT SOMETHING

15 THAT WE CAN CONSIDER AS PART OF THE BES ORDINANCE AND HAVE IT
16 AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT --

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18 >> **CHIEF MARRONE:** WE HAVE SOMEONE ASSIGNED TO THAT TODAY,
JUST

19 LIKE SAN DIEGO. WE HAVE AN INSPECTOR THAT SITS ON THE NFPA8X5
20 COMMITTEE AND THE U.L. COMMITTEE AND HE ASSISTS WITH
21 DEVELOPING THOSE STANDARDS NATIONALLY.

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23 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO HEAR
24 FROM THE PUBLIC AND MY COLLEAGUES MAY HAVE QUESTIONS. THANK
25 YOU.

2. 2 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER

3. 3 SUPERVISORS IN QUEUE. EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE MEMBERS OF

4. 4 THE PUBLIC WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

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6. 6 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE
7. 7 COME FORWARD. ADAM JAKABOWSKI, ALBERTO MARTEL, AMANDA
BROWN,

8. 8 AMANDA BENAZAR, ANN MUDGE, BOBBY HOWARD, CHRISTINE
AUSTRIA,

9. 9 CRAIG LEWIS, CINDY DODGE, DANIEL COTTON, ELIZABETH HERCULES

10. 10 BAE. SO JORDAN, JACKLIN, JOHN, JUNE PERKINS, KATHRYN TUCKER,

11. 11 KATHY COUGHLIN, LANEY CLEVINGER, LAURA WILSON, LINDA
HITSMAN,

12. 12 LINDSEY, MAUREEN KATZ, MARIO, MELISSA, MELISSA NICHOLSON,

13. 13 DESANTIS, RUTH BROCK, TAMMY NECESSARY, AND WAYNE WILSON.

14. 14 PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL

15. 15 REMINDER ON THE TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
ITEM

16. 16 65 IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO, PRESS 1 THEN 0 TO BE PLACED IN THE

17. 17 SPEAKING COUP. MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

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19 >> MODERATOR: NO REMOTE SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. 20

21. 21 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THEN WE WILL CLOSE THE VIRTUAL
22. 22 PUBLIC COMMENT AND FOCUS ON OUR SPEAKERS IN PERSON WHO I KNOW
23. 23 HAVE BEEN WAITING. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

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25 >> SPEAKER: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M ADAM, I'M HERE

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1. 1 TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF ITEM 65. I WOULD, FOR ENERGY SAFETY
2. 2 RESPONSE GROUP. A GROUP OF FIREFIGHTERS AND ENGINEERS EXPERTS
3. 3 IN ENERGY STORAGE AND PASSIONATE ABOUT THE SAFE IMPLEMENTATION
4. 4 OF BEST PROJECTS. WE'RE CONSULTANTS FOR HECATE ON THE HUMIDOR
5. 5 PROJECT. THIS WILL EMPLOY EVERY SAFETY MEASURE TO MEET
6. 6 INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES, CODES AND STANDARDS. TO ENSURE FIRST
7. 7 RESPONDER PREPAREDNESS THE HUMIDOR PROJECT HAS AN EMERGENCY
8. 8 RESPONSE PLAN DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL
9. 9 RESPONDERS. OF THE FIRE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED ESG IS
10. 10 NOT AWARE OF ANY THAT HAVE SPREAD BEYOND THE FACILITY OR POSED
11. 11 ANY LASTING ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT BEYOND THE PROPERTY.
12. 12 BATTERIES ARE COMPOSED OF SIMILAR MATERIALS TO MATERIALS IN A
13. 13 MODERN BUILDING. EMISSIONS FROM THEM IN A FIRE ARE SIMILAR.

14. 14 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING DURING INCIDENTS IN NEW YORK AND
15. 15 CALIFORNIA DID NOT DETECT ELEVATED LEVELS OF EMISSIONS
16. 16 OFFSITE. ON THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUE, HUMAN HEALTH, ESRG IS NOT
17. 17 AWARE OF ANY INSTANCES DURING THE BATTERY FIRE OF SOMEBODY
18. 18 OFFSITE EXPERIENCING --

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20. 20 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS
21. 21 EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

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23. 23 >> SPEAKER: I'M ALBERTO MARTEL. OUR COMMUNITY FEELS
BLINDSIDED
24. 24 BY THE APPROVAL OF THIS HUGE INDUSTRIAL PROJECT. TO KNOW
THAT
25. 25 IT UTILIZES THOUSANDS OF LITHIUM IRON PHOSPHATE BATTERIES IS

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1. 1 TERRIFYING. THESE ARE CAPABLE OF REACTING AND BRINGING DUE TO
2. 2 OVERHEATING. OVERHEATING AND BATTERY FAILURE CAN OCCUR
FROM
3. 3 OVERCHARGING BATTERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OR
MANUFACTURING
4. 4 DEFECT. THESE BATTERIES THEN GO IN TO THERMAL RUNAWAY,
5. 5 IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT OR SUPPRESS. AND WHILE THESE BATTERIES
6. 6 ARE ALLOWED TO BURN THEMSELVES OUT, THEY ARE PRODUCING
HIGHLY
7. 7 TOXIC HYDROGEN GASES THAT WILL ENDANGER OUR COMMUNITY.

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9 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

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11. 11 >> SPEAKER: AMANDA BENATAR, EXTERNAL OBSOLESCENCE IS USED
TO

12. 12 DESCRIBE DIMUNITION IN VALLEY. BUSY ROADS, HIGH ELECTRICITY

13. 13 TOWERS, TRAINS HAVE A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF NEGATIVELY

14. 14 IMPACTING HOME VALUES. FEWER PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO LIVE
NEAR A

15. 15 NEGATIVE INFLUENCE AND WILL EXPECT A LOW PRICE TO DO THAT. IF

16. 16 YOU PURCHASE A HOME IT WAS BAKED INTO THE PRICE YOU PAID, IT'S

17. 17 A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THING WHEN SOMETHING IS BROUGHT IN
NEXT

18. 18 DOOR TO YOU. NOW YOUR INVESTMENT HAS BEEN NEGATIVELY
IMPACTED

19. 19 THROUGH NO ACTION OF YOUR OWN. THERE WILL BE AN IMPACT EVEN
IF

20. 20 NOTHING BAD HAPPENS AT THE BES FACILITY. WHO IS GOING TO

21. 21 COMPENSATE THE HOME OWNER? WE INVESTED IN ACTON FOR THE
RURAL

22. 22 CHARACTER NOT TO BE EXPOSED TO INDUSTRIAL COMPLEXES WHICH

23. 23 ZONING PREVENTS. THE BOARD HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH THE GAS
LEAK

24. 24 RESIDENTS 7 YEARS RAMIFICATIONS, YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN IN

25. 25 YOUR DISTRICT? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT?
WOULD

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1 YOU LIVE NEXT DOOR --

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3 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 4

5. 5 >> SPEAKER: I'M MELISSA DESANTIS. ACTON IS MY HOME, MY
6. 6 SANCTUARY. I MOVED HERE TWO YEARS AGO SEEKING PEACE AND
7. 7 SAFETY, HUMIDOR THREATENS TO TAKE THAT AWAY. HIGH FIRE RISK
8. 8 EXISTS, I PAY \$800 A MONTH FOR FIRE INSURANCE. IF THIS
9. 9 ORDINANCE IS APPROVED, RATES WILL GO UP OR INSURANCE MAY BE
10. 10 DENIED. WITH THESE RATES I CAN'T AFFORD A RIG TO EVACUATE MY
11. 11 BELOVED HORSE IN CASE OF TOXIC GASES OR CHEMICAL FIRES. I
12. 12 DREAD THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING HIM BEHIND TO SAFE MY FAMILY
AND
13. 13 MYSELF. I'M GRATEFUL TO LIVE IN A HISTORIC SMALL TOWN. OUR
14. 14 RANCH IS MY DREAM COME TRUE. IF HUMIDOR ORDINANCE COMES
TRUE I
15. 15 WILL BE IN FEAR FOR THE LIFE OF MYSELF AND MY LOVED ONES. THIS
16. 16 HIDDEN GEM OF COUNTRY LIVING MUST BE PROTECTED. PLEASE VOTE
17. 17 NO. HUMIDOR DOES NOT BELONG IN ACTON.

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19 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER. 20

21. 21 >> SPEAKER: HONORABLE BOARD, I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF
AGENDA
22. 22 ITEM 65. I'M BOBBY HOWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE BOARD
23. 23 OF SUPERVISORS AND STAFF FOR THOROUGH PERMITTING PROCESS.
AS
24. 24 PART OF THE PROCESS THE HUMIDOR TEAM ENGAGED WITH
RESIDENTS OF
25. 25 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PARTICULARLY ACTON ENSURING
INVOLVEMENT BY

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1. 1 PROVIDING SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. IN 2023 BY
2. 2 APPROVING HUMIDOR THIS BOARD DROVE FORWARD A CLEANER,
MORE
3. 3 RESILIENT GRID BRINGING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INVESTMENT AND
4. 4 HUNDREDS OF GOOD PAYING UNION CONSTRUCTION JOBS. THIS
PROJECT
5. 5 IS SAFE, HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLY SITED AND THE TECHNOLOGY
6. 6 STUDIED. WHEN INCIDENTS OCCUR, WHICH IS EXTREMELY RARE, THE
7. 7 IMPACTS ARE CONTAINED. NO BATTERY STORAGE FIRE HAS EVER LEFT
8. 8 THE PROJECT AREA. HUMIDOR WILL PRESERVE NATIVE VEGETATION, IN
9. 9 NO POINT WILL REMOVAL OF NATIVE VEGETATION EXCEED 10% OF THE
10. 10 PROJECT AREA.

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12 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT? 13

14. 14 >> I'M ANGIE MUDGE REPRESENTING THE PROJECT APPLICANT.
BATTERY
15. 15 STORAGE IS A KEY LINCHPIN OF OUR FUTURE. IT INTEGRATES WIND
16. 16 AND SOLAR WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT BE WASTED INTO THE
ELECTRICAL
17. 17 GRID. THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE L.A.
18. 18 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY
WITH
19. 19 THE FIRE KEPT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE FACILITY. I SUPPORT
20. 20 THE STAFF'S DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR
21. 21 SEVERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY
22. 22 ACT. BOTH CATEGORICAL EXCEPTIONS AND STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS.
WE
23. 23 SUPPORT STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL AND I URGE A YES

24. 24 VOTE ON ITEM 65.

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1 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. 2

3. 3 >> SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M LINDA HITSMAN, 25-YEAR
4. 4 RESIDENT OF ACTON. I'M GOING TO TOLD YOU HOW A RUNAWAY
5. 5 SITUATION WOULD AFFECT ME. I'M ABOUT TWO MILES AWAY. FIRST OF
6. 6 ALL, MY FIRST CONCERN WOULD BE FIRE. WHAT A TERRIBLY HIGH
7. 7 DANGER FIRE LEVEL TO BEGIN WITH. THE FIRE CAN SET OFF THE
8. 8 STORAGE FACILITY. SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FIRE. AIR,
9. 9 WE ALL NEED AIR. WE LIVE IN A PLACE THAT IS BUILT LIKE A BOWL.
10. 10 IT'S A PERFECT CIRCLE. IT'S GOING TO -- IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN,
11. 11 IF WE SHOULD HAVE A THERMAL RUNAWAY, THE TOXINS FROM THE
GASES
12. 12 ARE GOING TO STAY IN THAT BOWL. AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING
TO
13. 13 BE. THAT IS A CONCERN. WATER, I HAVE A WELL.

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15. 15 >> SUP. LINDSEY
16. 16 SPEAKER PLEASE.

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18. 18 >> SPEAKER: I'M
19. 19 LOT OF UNKNOWNNS
20. 20 THESE STORAGE SYSTEMS. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE BES
21. 21 FACILITIES DO NOT HAVE LONG LIFE PROJECTIONS. 8.31 YEARS IS

22. 22 THE CURRENT PROJECTED AVERAGE PER A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE

23. 23 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN ARAGON NATIONAL LABORATORY.

24. 24 THERE ARE QUITE A FEW KNOWLEDGE GAPS ON DECOMMISSIONER. ASIDE

25. 25 FROM THE OBVIOUS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE BATTERIES AND OTHER
HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
GORDAN, I LIVE IN THE ACTON AREA. THERE'S A
IN THE INDUSTRY CONCERNING THE END OF LIFE FOR

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1. 1 EQUIPMENT. EVERY CONTRACT SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC DECOMMISSIONER
2. 2 PLANS THAT INCLUDE WHO BEARS THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL LIABILITY
3. 3 FOR THE EQUIPMENT ONCE IT'S SHUT DOWN, WHO'S IN CHARGE OF
4. 4 DECOMMISSIONING RESTORATION AT THE SITE, WHO WOULD GUARANTEE
5. 5 DOES A COMMUNITY HAVE THAT THE SITE WILL BE RESPONSIBLY
6. 6 DISASSEMBLED AND RESTORED. IS THERE A BOND FOR CLEANUP AND
7. 7 RESTORATION? IF SO HOW --

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9. 9 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
10. 10 SPEAKER.

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12. 12 >> SPEAKER: I'M DANIEL COTTON, ACTON RESIDENT. I LIVE NEXT

13. 13 DOOR TO 3340 ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY. MY NEIGHBOR SOLD A
YEAR
14. 14 AGO TO THE HECATE BESS COMPANY. EVERYONE HERE IS ON A WELL.
MY
15. 15 NEIGHBOR'S WELL HAS BEEN DRY FOR 10 YEARS. IF THIS IS APPROVED
16. 16 THERE IS NO WATER AVAILABLE. CLOSEST FIRE HYDRANT IS TWO
MILES
17. 17 AWAY AT THE METROLINK STATION. 10 HOMES WITHIN HALF MILE OF
18. 18 THIS PROJECT. WE LIVE IN A HIGH FIRE AREA AND A LOT OF
19. 19 HOMEOWNERS HAVE HAD THEIR INSURANCE CANCELLED. SOLEDAD
PASS
20. 20 ROAD IS THE ONLY ROAD INTO THE CANYON, IF THERE'S A FIRE THAT
21. 21 STARTS THERE NOBODY WILL HAVE A WAY TO GET OUT.

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23 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

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25 >> SPEAKER: HI, I'M LANEY, I LIVE IN ACTON AND I'M CONCERNED

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1. 1 ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A BESS PROJECT ON BEING BUILT IN MY
2. 2 TOWN. THE PLACE THAT I LOVE. A BESS FACILITY, IF BATTERY FIRE
3. 3 HAPPENS, WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO OUR AREA. IT WOULD POLLUTE
4. 4 THE AIR WE BREATHE WITH TOXIC FUMES AND WOULD CONTAMINATE
THE
5. 5 WATER SYSTEM AND POSSIBLY BURN OUT OF CONTROL WITH THERMAL
6. 6 RUNAWAY AND DESTROY OUR PROPERTIES AND OUR COMMUNITY. IT
HAS
7. 7 BEEN PROVEN OVER AND OVER AGAIN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT

8. 8 LITHIUM ION BATTERY FIRES ARE DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS TO
9. 9 EXTINGUISH. THIS TYPE OF PROJECT DOES NOT BELONG IN OR NEAR
10. 10 OUR TOWN OF ACTON AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. IT WILL BE
ON
11. 11 YOUR CONSCIENCE IF THIS PROJECT IS VOTED THROUGH AND THERE IS
12. 12 A PROJECT ON INCIDENT WITH THESE BATTERIES. PLEASE CONSIDER
13. 13 THE DANGEROUS AND FAR-REACHING EFFECTS OF THE BESS PROJECT
IN
14. 14 ACTON.

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16 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. 17

18. 18 >> SPEAKER: I'M CINDY DODGE AND A HOMEOWNER IN ACTON,
19. 19 CALIFORNIA, A FEW MILES FROM WHERE THE FACILITY IS GOING TO BE
20. 20 BUILT. I'M ALSO A TEACHER AND I WORK IN PALMDALE ON THE
21. 21 OTHER SIDE OF THE PROJECT. I HAVE TWO CONCERNS FOR SURE. THE
22. 22 FIRST ONE IS ARE THEY GOING TO BE INSURED. IF THEY ARE WHO IS
23. 23 GOING TO INSURE THEM. ME AND MY NEIGHBORS WERE ALL
CANCELLED.
24. 24 WE HAD TO GO TO THE CALIFORNIA FAIR PLAN, PLUS WE HAD TO GET
25. 25 EXTRA INSURANCE. WHAT TYPE OF INSURANCE IS THIS PROJECT
GOING

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1. 1 TO HAVE. ANOTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS IF FOR SOME REASON WE ARE
2. 2 SHELTER IN PLACE, WHO'S GOING TO TEACH MY STUDENTS? I KNOW
3. 3 THERE ARE SUBS BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME. IF I'M AT SCHOOL AND IT
4. 4 GOES INTO SHELTER IN PLACE WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF MY

5. 5 ANIMALS? BECAUSE IT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE.

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7 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 8

9. 9 >> SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON, DISTINGUISHED BOARD OF

10. 10 SUPERVISORS, I'M CHRISTINE AUSTRIA. 19-YEAR MEMBER OF IBW

11. 11 LOCAL 11 LOS ANGELES HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS THAT RESIDE

12. 12 AND WORK IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA. WE ARE IN FULL SUPPORT

13. 13 OF ITEM 65. THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY WE SUPPORT THE HUMIDOR

14. 14 PROJECT. INSTANCE, STATE OF THE ART OF TECHNOLOGY AND SAFETY,

15. 15 THE PROJECT WOULD POSE -- I'M SORRY, WOULD POSE NO GREATER

16. 16 RISK TO NEIGHBORS THAN A GAS STATION, WAREHOUSE, OR OTHER

17. 17 INDUSTRIAL USE OF LAND. COMMUNITY BENEFITS, 100 UNION

18. 18 CONSTRUCTION CAREERS WILL BE CREATED AS WELL AS 2 TO 4 IN-

19. 19 MAINTENANCE STAFF DURING OPERATING LIFE. THIS WILL ALSO

20. 20 INCLUDE 100,000 PER YEAR TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES. THE PROJECT

21. 21 WOULD BE LOCATED AWAY FROM NEIGHBORHOODS AND ON LAND THAT IS

22. 22 CURRENTLY ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL USE. IN CONCLUSION WE ASK FOR

23. 23 YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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25 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

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2. 2 >> SPEAKER: SUPERVISORS, I'M CRAIG LEWIS, I AM THE FOUNDER AND
3. 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CLEAN COALITION. WE'RE A TECHNICAL
4. 4 NONPROFIT. WE SPECIALIZE IN ACCELERATING TRANSITION TO
5. 5 RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MODERN GRID. WE ARE VERY MUCH IN
SUPPORT
6. 6 OF THE HUMIDOR PROJECT AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON
ITEM
7. 7 65. WE ARE ALSO A CONSULTANT TO MANY COUNTIES, CITIES, SCHOOL
8. 8 DISTRICTS, OTHER MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
9. 9 FOR ALL OF THEIR SOLAR-DRIVEN MICROGRID ACTIVITIES. I WANT TO
10. 10 MAKE ONE KEY POINT ON THE HUMIDOR PROJECT, THAT IS, IT IS
11. 11 SITED AT AN IDEAL LOCATION. IT IS RIGHT NEXT TO A MAJOR
12. 12 SUBSTATION, WHICH US A MAJOR ENERGY THOROUGHFARE FOR ALL
OF
13. 13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT IS AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE, AND SO IT'S THE
14. 14 PERFECT LOCATION. IF YOU DON'T PUT IT THERE IT WILL BE
15. 15 SOMEWHERE ELSE IN ACTON, LESS FAVORABLE. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO
16. 16 SUPPORT IT, THIS IS ABOUT AS GOOD AS IT'S GOING TO GET.

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18 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. 19

20. 20 >> SPEAKER: THANK YOU, I'M JACKLIN, I'M HERE REPRESENTING SAVE
21. 21 OUR RURAL TOWN. IF YOU ARE GOING TO CLAIM STATUTORY CEQA
22. 22 EXEMPTION WHICH WE HEARD ABOUT YOU NEED TO MAKE A FINDING
23. 23 REGARDING EACH FEASIBLE MITIGATION MEASURE FROM THE
GENERAL
24. 24 PLAN AND THE AV EAR PLAN EIRS THAT APPLIES TO THE HUMIDOR
25. 25 PROJECT UNDERTAKEN TO INVESTIGATE THE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS. I

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1. 1 AM FOCUSING ON THE MISINFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN
2. 2 ABOUT HUMIDOR. I HAVE BEEN AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
3. 3 PRACTICING FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS. I HAVE READ AND WRITTEN MANY
4. 4 CONSULTANT REPORTS. BUT I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH
INFORMATION
5. 5 AS THEY HAVE PERPETRATED HERE. YOU WERE TOLD HUMIDOR IS U.S.
6. 6 CERTIFIED WHICH, QUOTE, PREVENTS ANY FIRE RISK WHAT THEY SAID.
7. 7 THIS IS FALSE. UL CERTIFICATION, THE ONLY GUARANTEE IS IF THE
8. 8 WINDS ARE LESS THAN 12 MILES AN HOUR EVEN THE BESS FIRE WON'T
9. 9 SPREAD. THAT'S NEVER THE CASE. BESS FIRES WILL SPREAD IN
10. 10 ACTON. THERE'S MUCH MORE BUT --

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12. 12 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: YES, IF YOU HAVE MORE COMMENT
13. 13 THAT I'D LIKE TO SHARE OUR STAFF PERSON WILL MAKE SURE IT'S
14. 14 CIRCULATED.

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16. 16 >> SPEAKER: I'M JOHN VITTICK, ACTON RESIDENT. IF THEY RECEIVE
17. 17 THEIR POWER FROM THE VINCE SUBSTATION TO STORE AND SEND IT
18. 18 BACK OVER THE TRANSMISSION LINE AND NO ROLE IN DISTRIBUTING
19. 19 POWER TO HOUSEHOLDS HOW CAN THE COUNTY MAKE THE
DETERMINATION
20. 20 THAT HUMIDOR IS SIMILAR TO ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. BASE
21. 21 THE HUMIDOR PROJECT APPROVAL ON THIS. THE HUMIDOR BESS IS A
22. 22 TRANSMISSION BESS BASED ON THE LOCATION ON THE GRID AND THE
23. 23 VOLTAGE. I WANT TO CALL THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO A LETTER
FROM
24. 24 THE LAW FIRM COX CASTLE SUPPORTING THE PROJECT. AT BEST,
MUCH

25. 25 OF THE INFORMATION IS INCOMPETENT TENT IF NOT OUTRIGHT LIES.

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1. 1 ON PAGE 14 OF THE 21 NOVEMBER LETTER, THEY PRESENT A PHOTO
2. 2 CAPTIONED AS THE SEPULVEDA DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION CLAIMING
3. 3 THE BESS IS EQUIVALENT AND THUS DOES NOT REQUIRE CEQA REVIEW.
4. 4 THE PHOTO IS OF THE VECTOR TRANSMISSION SUBSTATION THAT
5. 5 REQUIRES CEQA REVIEW. PLEASE FOLLOW THE LAW AND COMPLETE A
6. 6 CEQA REVIEW OF THIS PROJECT BEFORE CONSIDERING APPROVAL.
THANK
7. 7 YOU.

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9 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

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11. 11 >> SPEAKER: I'M KATHRYN TUCKER, 22 ROSE DENT OF ACTOR,
12. 12 CALIFORNIA, I SERVED ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR 8 YEARS.
THERMAL
13. 13 RUNAWAY CONDITIONS OF OVERHEATED BATTERIES LEADS TO
14. 14 INEXTINGUISHABLE LITHIUM FIRE AND TOXIC GASES IN OUR
15. 15 COMMUNITY. THIS BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY IS THE FIRST OF
16. 16 SEVERAL ON PLANNED TO BE INSTALLED IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE
RISK
17. 17 INCREASED WITH EACH BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY.
REPRESENTATIVE
18. 18 OF ENERGY COMPANIES ARE QUIETLY SOLICITING PURCHASES OF
REAL
19. 19 ESTATE IN ACTON, IN THE AREA, AND ARE NOT BEING TRANSPARENT

20. 20 ABOUT THE INTENDED USE OF THE LAND PURCHASES. I AM REMINDED OF
21. 21 THE UNDERHANDED ACTIONS OF THE LADWP SECRETLY BUYING UP LAND
22. 22 IN THE OWENS VALLEY TO STEAL WATER RIGHTS FROM OWENS VALLEY
23. 23 RESIDENTS. THE CHIEF ENGINEER ASSURED RESIDENTS LIVING BELOW
24. 24 THE ST. FRANCIS DAM THAT THE DAM WAS SAFE. THAT WAS WRONG, 500
25. 25 PEOPLE DIED. THANK YOU.

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2 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 3

4. 4 >> SPEAKER: HI, I'M KATHY COUGHLIN. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK ALL
5. 5 OF YOU WHY WOULD YOU EVEN CONSIDER PUTTING A BESS IN ACTON,
6. 6 KNOWING ALL OF THE SAFETY RISKS TO OUR COMMUNITY. OUR
7. 7 COMMUNITY IS HERE EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS TO ALL OF YOU. BUT
8. 8 IS IT ON DEAF EARS? IT MAY BRING REVENUE TO L.A. COUNTY BUT AT
9. 9 WHAT COST? DO YOU LOOK AT OUR TOWN OF ACTON AS DISPOSABLE? IF
10. 10 YOUR ELDERLY PARENTS LIVED IN ACTON WOULD YOU THINK
11. 11 DIFFERENTLY? HOW ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN OR GRANDCHILDREN, WOULD
12. 12 YOU BE WILLING TO PUT THEIR SAFETY AT RISK? AGAIN, I ASK ALL
13. 13 OF YOU WHY, WHY WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO RISK OUR COMMUNITY

14. 14 SAFETY. ISN'T IT YOUR JOB TO PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY'S
15. 15 RESIDENTS BY WATCH OUT FOR OUR SAFETY? THANK YOU.

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17 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 18

19. 19 >> SPEAKER: HELLO, I'M MARION KATZ, I LIVE IN A MOUNTAIN
20. 20 COMMUNITY ADJACENT TO ACTON IN L.A. COUNTY. THE LITHIUM ION
21. 21 PHOSPHATE BATTERIES THE ONES THAT WILL BE USED AT HECATE
22. 22 OPERATION ARE NOT SAFE. THOUGH REACT AT A SLIGHTLY HIGHER
23. 23 TEMPERATURE BUT BURN 120% FASTER THAN LITHIUM ION, WITH
MORE
24. 24 VOLATILITY AND PRODUCE HIGHLY TOXIC AND FLAMMABLE GASES.
WHILE
25. 25 THEY ARE SAID TO BE MORE STABLE THAN LITHIUM ION THEY'RE BY
NO

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1. 1 MEANS SAFE. THERE ARE BATTERY ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE
ACTUALLY
2. 2 VERY SAFE SUCH AS IRON FLOW AND IRON AIR BATTERIES. BOTH
3. 3 SACRAMENTO AND THE CITY OF BURBANK HAVE CHOSEN TO DEVELOP
4. 4 PROJECTS WITH THESE SAFE BATTERY ALTERNATIVES SO THERE'S
5. 5 REALLY NO REASON FOR L.A. COUNTY TO DEVELOP PROJECTS HIGHLY
6. 6 DANGEROUS TO THE RESIDENTS AND ENVIRONMENT WHEN THERE ARE
7. 7 TRULY SAFE ALTERNATIVES. THANK YOU.

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9 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 10

11. 11 >> SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
I'M
12. 12 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 65. MY NAME IS LINDSAY ANN
13. 13 CHEN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT FOR THE HUMIDOR BESS
14. 14 PROJECT. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE STUDIES UNDERTAKEN
FOR
15. 15 THE PROJECT TO REITERATE THE PROJECT IS ZONED M1 LIGHT
16. 16 MANUFACTURING. MOST OF THE PROJECT SITE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY
17. 17 DEVELOPED AND IS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENTS
18. 18 INCLUDING A PAINT BALL FACILITY, UTILITY LAYDOWN YARD AND
19. 19 COMMERCIAL TRUCKING AREA. THE PROJECT AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED
IS
20. 20 LOCATED NEAR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY AND SITE
BOUNDARY
21. 21 RUNS ALONG THE CARSON MESA ROAD AND ANGELES FOREST A. THE
22. 22 SURROUNDING AREA INCLUDES ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
METROLINK
23. 23 STATION AND PARKING LOT. AS IS ALREADY ON THE RECORD, THE
24. 24 PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA
25. 25 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15183 OF THE

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1 CEQA GUIDELINES. THANK YOU. 2

3. 3 >> LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT ACTOR. ON IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1887 BY
4. 4 GOLD MINERS AND HAD THE HIGHEST PRODUCING GOLD LINE
BETWEEN

5. 5 1880 AND 1942. DOWNTOWN ACTON LOOKS LIKE A NOD TO THE 1800S.
6. 6 NEARLY HALF OF OUR ACTON RESIDENTS LIVE ON DIRT ROADS. ACTON
7. 7 HAS NO STOPLIGHTS. NO STOPLIGHTS. OUR LOCAL KIDS PLAY
8. 8 TRADITIONAL SPORTS BUT ALSO PARTICIPATE IN GYMKANA, RODEO AND
9. 9 4L. ACTOR IS HOME TO ANIMAL RESCUES AND SANCTUARIES. OUR
10. 10 SLOPES BLOOM WITH SPRINGTIME POPPIES AND NIGHT SKIES FILLED
11. 11 WITH STARS. WE ARE A HIGH DESERT COMMUNITY, WITH ONE MINUTE
12. 12 GLIMPSE OF ACTON HOPEFULLY YOU UNDERSTAND WHY THE RESIDENTS
13. 13 OPPOSE THIS 400 MILLION WATT HUMIDOR BESS.

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15 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER. 16

17. 17 >> SPEAKER: I'M JUNE PERKINS. RETIRED HEALTHCARE WORKER,
18. 18 CURRENTLY IN TRAINING FOR THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE
19. 19 TEAM. ALSO ON THE ACTON TOWN COUNCILMEMBER, ALSO A MEMBER OF
20. 20 THE ACTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THANK YOU
21. 21 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. FOR THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
22. 22 THERE ARE AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS, VEGETATION, GROUND TERRAIN AND
23. 23 THE CURRENT BUSINESS PLACES. AS YOU KNOW WE LIVE IN A HIGH
24. 24 FIRE HAZARD AREA. HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS
25. 25 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION. THANK YOU.

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2. 2 >> SPEAKER: AMANDA BROWN RESIDENT OF ACTON. I HAVE THREE
3. 3 POINTS ABOUT THE HUMIDOR COMPANY AND THE BATTERY ENERGY
4. 4 STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT KNOWN AS BESS THAT ARE CREATING
5. 5 PROBLEMS FOR OUR TOWN. IT IS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT
6. 6 HUMIDOR WAS APPROVED BEFORE OUR COMMUNITY COULD GET THEIR
7. 7 INPUT PRIOR TO AUGUST 2023. A HEAVY INDUSTRIAL USE PROJECT
8. 8 THAT SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON M2 ZONING. OF WHICH THERE'S NONE
IN
9. 9 ACTON. AND THE BEST BESS PROJECT CAN CREATE A FIRE DANGER A
10. 10 RISK FOR OUR POPULATED TOWN THAT SHOULD BE PLACED IN A
11. 11 SPARSELY POPULATED AREA. TO SUMMARIZE THE THREE POINTS
12. 12 REGARDING THE HUMIDOR AND BATTERY SYSTEM STORAGE, ONE,
BESS
13. 13 WAS APPROVED AUGUST 2023 BEFORE THE TOWN KNEW WHAT WAS
GOING
14. 14 ON. BESS IS A HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PROJECT THAT REQUIRES SPECIAL
15. 15 TYPE OF ZONING M2 OF WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE HERE IN ACTON.
16. 16 THREE, BESS IS A FIRE DANGER FOR ACTON THAT SHOULD BE PLACED
17. 17 IN A SPARSELY --

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19 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 20

21. 21 >> SPEAKER: WAYNE WILSON, ACTON, JUST OVER A MILE FROM THE
22. 22 SITE OF THIS POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS BESS FACILITY THAT'S
23. 23 REALLY BEEN IMPOSED ON OUR COMMUNITY. I JUST WANT TO POINT
OUT
24. 24 THAT LITHIUM ION BATTERY IS ALREADY OLD TECHNOLOGY. UNSAFE
OLD
25. 25 TECHNOLOGY. BECAUSE IT IS HAZARDOUS, THERE ARE A LOT OF NEW

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1. 1 ALTERNATIVES NOW THAT ARE MUCH SAFER. SODIUM ION, LITHIUM
2. 2 SULFUR, THOSE ARE SOME OF THE MOST PROMISING ONES. YOU MAY
3. 3 HAVE READ THAT MICROSOFT, AMAZON AND GOOGLE ARE INVESTING
IN
4. 4 MODERN SAFE NUCLEAR POWER. WHY? NOT FOR US, IT'S BECAUSE
THEY
5. 5 NEED A LOT OF POWER FOR THEIR FUTURE A.I. NEEDS AS THEY SAY,
6. 6 QUOTE, WE NEED RELIABLE 24 HOUR ELECTRICITY WE CAN'T GET IT
7. 7 FROM WIND AND SOLAR. BILL GATES IS RESTARTING 3 MILE ISLAND
8. 8 AND IN CALIFORNIA INVIDIA IS TAKING OVER DIABLO CANYON. \$7
9. 9 BILLION IN VENTURE CAPITAL IS GOING INTO NUCLEAR FUSION ALONE.
10. 10 THAT'S THE FUTURE OF CLEAN ENERGY. PLEASE DO NOT LOCK US IN
TO
11. 11 DECADES OF OUTDATED --

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13 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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15. 15 >> SPEAKER: I'M MELISSA NICHOLSEN AND I VOTED FOR YOU,
16. 16 MS. BARGER HAD DID MY HUSBAND AND I LIVE IN ACTON. I HAVE A
17. 17 PREPARED STATEMENT BUT APPARENTLY YOU ALREADY KNOW
ABOUT THE
18. 18 HARD CLOSURE OF INTERSTATE 15 BETWEEN BARSTOW AND BAKER
19. 19 BECAUSE OF THE BATTERY OVERTURN THERE AND AT VINCENT
THOMAS
20. 20 BRIDGE. I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I'VE EVACUATED HORSES IN

21. 21 TWICE. I'VE EVALUATED PEOPLE IN FIRES. ACTON IS A FIRE AREA,
22. 22 AND THE TINIEST FLAME WILL BE LIFTED BY WINDS THAT YOU CAN'T
23. 23 IMAGINE. WE HAVE 65-MILE-AN-HOUR GUSTS WHEN WE HAVE OUR
24. 24 SANTA ANA WINDS. WE HAVE DRYNESS, THAT YOU DO NOT
UNDERSTAND.
25. 25 YOU DON'T LIVE THERE. YOU'RE STICKING THIS THING OUT WHERE WE

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1. 1 ARE. AND YOU DON'T CARE. IT'S JUST AMAZING BECAUSE I'M SURE
2. 2 THAT IF THIS THING WERE BEING BUILT IN YOUR BACKYARD, YOU
3. 3 WOULD WANT EVERY SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS THAT YOU
COULD
4. 4 HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SAFE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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6. 6 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER
7. 7 PLEASE.

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9. 9 >> SPEAKER: HELLO I'M LAURA WILSON, ACTON, I DO NOT SUPPORT
10. 10 THIS MEASURE. IF THERE WAS TO BE A FIRE THERE, THE CLOSEST
11. 11 L.A. COUNTY HAZ-MAT SQUAD IS A MINIMUM OF 20 MINUTES AWAY IN
12. 12 SANTA CLARITA. WE HAVE TO EVACUATE HORSES, ANIMALS. THERE
ARE
13. 13 PEOPLE WITH KENNELS, THERE ARE PEOPLE WITH RESCUE UNITS. AND
14. 14 THEY WOULD HAVE TO EVACUATE ALL OF THAT. WE LIVE ON DIRT
15. 15 ROADS. WE WOULD BE -- IT WOULD TAKE US FOR OVER TO GET OUT OF
16. 16 THERE. WE DO NOT SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

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18. 18 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER

19. 19 PLEASE.

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21. 21 >> SPEAKER: I'M RUSS FOX, AN ACTON RESIDENT. THERMAL RUNAWAY

22. 22 IS MENTIONED 12 TIMES IN THE EXHIBITS ATTACHED TO MARK

23. 23 PESTRELLA'S BOARD LETTER TO THE SUPERVISORS. CONTROL OF

24. 24 THERMAL RUNAWAY IS MENTIONED, AND I QUOTE, IN A REAL WORLD

25. 25 SITUATION CENTERS WOULD INSTANTLY ALERT OF SMOKE OR HEAT

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1. 1 DETECTION AND PROPER PARTIES WOULD BE INSTANTLY NOTIFIED. MY
2. 2 QUESTION IS, WHAT GOOD WOULD IT DO NOTIFYING STAFF OF THE
3. 3 LOCAL FIRE DON'T? IN THE REAL WORLD, MOST THERMAL RUNAWAY
4. 4 FIRES CAN'T BE SUPPRESSED. THEY'RE SO SUSTAINING AND EFFORTS
5. 5 TO DIRECTLY EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES ARE FUTILE. TRADITIONAL FIRE
6. 6 SUPPRESSION AGENTS ARE ILL SUITED FOR LITHIUM BATTERY FIRES
7. 7 AND WORSEN THE SITUATION BY SPREADING THE FIRE ALONG WITH
8. 8 TOXIC GASES AND SUPER HEATED SHRAPNEL INTO THE COMMUNITY.
FAIL
9. 9 SAFE METHODS TO CONTROL THIS DISASTROUS EXPOSURE DO NOT
EXIST.

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11 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. 12

13. 13 >> SPEAKER: HELLO, KATHRYN BARGER AND THE REST OF THE BOARD
OF

14. 14 SUPERVISORS, I'M TAMMY NECESSARY. I'M A 47-YEAR RESIDENT OF

15. 15 ACTON. ACTON HAS APPROXIMATELY 7500 RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS ARE
16. 16 PRIMARILY THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING A RURAL LIFESTYLE IN A SMALL
17. 17 TOWN. MANY OF US GLADLY TRADE THE CONVENIENCES OF CITY
LIVING
18. 18 FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF LIVING ON ACREAGE, DRIVING ON A DIRT ROAD
19. 19 AND HAVING A FRONT ROW SEAT TO SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
SUN
20. 20 SETS AND HIGH DESERT HAS TO OFFER. WE HAVE HITCHING POSTS AT
21. 21 MANY OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND IT'S NOT UNCOMMON HORSE
GOES
22. 22 THROUGH THE DRIVE-THRU. ACTON DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ANY
23. 23 STOPLIGHTS, ONLY STOP SIGNS. WHY WOULD THE COUNTY EXPECT US
TO
24. 24 WELCOME THE HUGE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL TRANSMISSION HUMIDOR
BESS
25. 25 INTO OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS A FIRE HAZARD, NOT WHAT WE WANT. IF

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1. 1 YOU TALK TO ANYBODY WHO LIVES IN ACTON THEY DON'T WANT IT
2. 2 THERE. OUR INSURANCE IS ALREADY THROUGH THE ROOF. WE NEED TO
3. 3 YOU VOTE NO ON THIS. WE DO NOT WANT THIS IN OUR TOWN.
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5 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. 6
7. 7 >> SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING SUPERVISORS, MADAM CHAIR, I'M MARIO,
8. 8 I'M A 29-YEAR MEMBER OF IBEW LOCAL 11, PROUDLY REPRESENTS
OVER
9. 9 11,000 MEMBERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF THOSE 11

10. 10 THOUSAND MEMBERS, WE STAND STRONG IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT
11. 11 BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE DEVELOPER VALUES OF RESPONSIBLE
12. 12 DEVELOPMENT WITH ELECTRICAL SAFETY AS ONE OF THE MOST TOP
13. 13 PRIORITIES ALIGNS WITH THE VALUES OF IBEW LOCAL 11, WHO ARE
14. 14 THE BEST TRAINED AND SKILLED WORKFORCE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS
15. 15 PARTNERSHIP WITH DESIGN OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WILL
16. 16 ASSURE THE COMMUNITY THAT THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
17. 17 STANDARDS AND CODES WILL BE MET OR EXCEEDED. AS MANY OF OUR
18. 18 OWN MEMBERS RESIDE WITHIN AND AROUND THE PROJECT LOCATION,
19. 19 WITH OVER 1,000 WORKERS ON OUR OUT OF WORK BOOK WE ASK FOR
20. 20 YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING THIS PROJECT FORWARD.

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22. 22 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS?
23. 23 NO OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? I SEE SUPERVISOR MITCHELL
24. 24 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

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1. 1 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU, I WAS -- WANTED TO GET
2. 2 YOUR ATTENTION. JUST CAME UP AS I WAS LISTENING TO PUBLIC
3. 3 COMMENT, IF OUR PANEL CAN TELL ME, I HEARD THAT THIS IS A
4. 4 COUNTYWIDE MEASURE, IF YOU WILL. CAN YOU TELL US HOW MANY AND

5. 5 WHERE THE OTHER BESS SITES THAT ARE UP AND RUNNING, AND THOSE
6. 6 THAT ARE ON THE PLANNING DOCKET?

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8 >> CERTAINLY. 9

10. 10 >> AMY BODEK: I'M AWARE OF FOUR PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN
11. 11 ENTITLED IN THE COUNTY. SOME OF THEM ARE IN CITIES, AND ONE OF
12. 12 THEM IS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF FLORENCE FIRESTONE IN
13. 13 YOUR DISTRICT.

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15. 15 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I'M AWARE OF THAT ONE. WHAT WERE
16. 16 THE OTHER CITIES?

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18. 18 >> AMY BODEK: A LARGE ONE IN, FAIRLY LARGE ONE IN LANCASTER,
19. 19 THERE'S ONE IN COMPTON THAT HAS HAD PERMITS ISSUED, THERE'S
20. 20 ONE IN LA PUENTE THAT HAS PERMITS ISSUED AS WELL, AND THEN
THE
21. 21 ONE THAT IS IN FLORENCE FIRESTONE WHICH IS OPERATING.

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23. 23 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: OKAY. NOTHING IN THE CITY OF
24. 24 CARSON?

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1. 1 >> AMY BODEK: CARSON WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN GETTING PERMITS
2. 2 FROM L.A. COUNTY PLANNING OR L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. BUT

3. 3 THEY MAY HAVE TO GET PERMITS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE DID
4. 4 KNOW THAT THERE WAS A FACILITY IN CARSON, THERE'S ALSO A
5. 5 COUPLE OF OTHER SMALLER FACILITIES. THERE'S ACTUALLY A LARGE
6. 6 FACILITY IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH THAT'S IN AN ENCLOSED
7. 7 WAREHOUSE FACILITY. THAT WAS DEVELOPED OVER EIGHT YEARS AGO.
8. 8 SO THAT ONE IS THERE AS WELL.

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10. 10 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AS A FIRE CHIEF IS LOOKING, I
11. 11 THINK -- YOU READY?

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13 >> CHIEF MARRONE.

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15 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: OKAY. 16

17. 17 >> CHIEF MARRONE: AVOSET BESS IS THE NEXT ONE, BULLS IT'S JUST
18. 18 ON THE DOCKET.

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20. 20 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: WHAT IS THE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
21. 21 PROCESS, WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR PLANNED PROJECTS?

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23. 23 >> AMY BODEK: RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OUR CODE DOES NOT HAVE A
24. 24 SPECIFIC DEFINITION FOR BATTERY ELECTRIC STORAGE PROJECTS,
25. 25 THERE WAS AN INTERPRETATION OF OUR CODE THAT WAS MADE THAT

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1. 1 SAID IT WAS MOST SIMILAR TO A DIFFERENT USE. AND THAT USE IS

2. 2 ALLOWED IN THE ZONE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IN ACTON. IT MUST
3. 3 BE AN INDUSTRIAL PARCEL. IT WOULD BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT.

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5 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: WHAT PUBLIC NOTICE IS REQUIRED? 6

7 >> AMY BODEK: THERE IS NONE.

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9. 9 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: I HEAR CONCERNS FROM THE COMMUNITY,
10. 10 I'M COGNIZANT OF THE CONCERNS, WHY I REALLY WANT TO GET THE
11. 11 ORDINANCE AND THE OUTREACH DONE. THERE IS A CONCERN ABOUT
12. 12 CONCENTRATION. WE AS A BOARD CAN TAKE ACTION BUT WE ARE
13. 13 DICTATED BY THE PROJECT CONFORMING TO AND MEETING ALL
14. 14 COUNTY
15. 15 AND STATE REQUIREMENTS. SERIOUS CONCERN, EXPRESSED BY MY
16. 16 OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY, WILL BE THOROUGHLY VETTED AS
17. 17 PART OF
18. 18 THE REMAINING PERMITTING REVIEWS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. I
19. 19 EXPECT
20. 20 L.A. COUNTY FIRE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW THESE PROJECTS AND
21. 21 ASSURE THEY COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS NEED TO PROTECT
22. 22 THE
23. 23 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THERE'S A
24. 24 TOUGH
25. 25 BALANCE TO THE GOAL OF SUPPORTING CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS
AND
26. 26 SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES THAT HELP US ADDRESS THE STABILITY
27. 27 OF THE ELECTRICAL GRID. AS WE HEARD TODAY, PROJECTS LIKE
28. 28 HECATE BESS DO NOT ALWAYS PROVIDE BENEFITS TO THE
29. 29 COMMUNITIES
30. 30 IN WHICH THEY ARE SITED. THIS IS A REAL CONCERN FOR THE BOARD
31. 31 WHO HAS CHAMPIONED EQUITY AS A CORE VALUE. THAT IS WHY WE
32. 32 HAVE



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1. 1 CREATED A BESS -- THE REQUEST FOR A BESS ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS
2. 2 CONCERNS OF OVERCONCENTRATION AND TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS
3. 3 CREATE BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED,
4. 4 AND WHERE THEY MAY CREATE LOCAL IMPACT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
5. 5 APPLIED TO THE PROJECTS THAT ARE ONLINE NOW BUT THAT'S
6. 6 SOMETHING THAT I DEFINITELY BELIEVE NEEDS TO BE INCORPORATED.
7. 7 WE KNOW THAT THE STATE CONTINUES TO PUSH AND SUPPORT THE
8. 8 DEVELOPMENT OF THESE PROJECTS SO IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THE
9. 9 COUNTY'S LOCAL ORDINANCE BE ADOPTED QUICKLY. I WANT TO ENSURE
10. 10 THAT L.A. FIRE HAS A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN ON THE ORDINANCE TO
11. 11 BRING ONLINE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO OVERSEE THESE TYPE OF
12. 12 FACILITIES. WITH THAT SAID, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE
13. 13 ACTION IS ABOUT ISSUING THE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE
14. 14 AND NOT THE LAND USE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. SO I WANT TO
15. 15 THANK THE DON'TS FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS AND FOR EXPLAINING
16. 16 THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE ACTION TODAY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
17. 17 THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE COME DOWN HERE AND SPENT
18. 18 THE DAY, RAISING THE CONCERNS LEGITIMATELY AND PROVIDING THE
19. 19 OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS BOARD TO HEAR YOUR VOICES. THANK YOU.

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21. 21 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: SEEING NO ONE ELSE IN QUEUE --
22. 22 YES? IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND

23. 23 VOTE ON THIS ITEM. THE INITIAL VOTE IS FOR THE BOARD TO FIND
24. 24 THE PROTEST INSUFFICIENT AND TO DENY THE PROTEST. MOVED BY
25. 25 SUPERVISOR BARGER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL TO FIND
THE

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1 PROTEST INSUFFICIENT AND DENY THE PROTEST. CALL THE ROLL. 2

3. 3 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SHE'S COMING BACK.

4. 4 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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6 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

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8 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN. 9

10 >> SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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12 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER. 13

14 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

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16 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH. 17

18 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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20 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CARRIED 5-00.

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22. 22 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: THE PROTEST FOUND INSUFFICIENT

23. 23 AND DENIED BY THE BOARD ITEM 65 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY

24. 24 SUPERVISOR BARGER AND I WILL SECOND TO APPROVE THE ITEM.

25. 25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE ROLL.

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2 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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4 >> SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

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6 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. 7

8 >> SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

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10 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN. 11

12 >> SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

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14 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER. 15

16 >> SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

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18 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH. 19

20 >> SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR: AYE.

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22 >> EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MOTION CARRIES 5-0.