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CEC Staff Assessment Supports Path Forward for Solano County Battery Storage Facility

VACAVILLE, Calif., Sept. 1, 2026 — Following an extensive review of the proposed Corby Battery Energy Storage System, California Energy Commission (CEC) staff recommended certification of the project, finding it would strengthen reliability, support California’s clean energy goals and deliver significant economic benefits to Solano County.

The findings will be discussed today during a public meeting in Vacaville, where CEC staff will present its assessment and members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments.

“California needs to keep building energy infrastructure that can meet growing demand without putting additional pressure on electricity costs,” **said Alex Jackson, executive director of American Clean Power-California.** “Battery energy storage is already helping California make better use of the energy we produce by capturing it and making it available when homes, businesses and critical facilities need it most. The state’s review of this facility is another important step in bringing more storage online to support energy affordability and reliability in communities across the state.”

The proposed battery energy storage facility would store electricity when supplies are plentiful and make it available when demand rises, helping communities keep the lights on while reducing reliance on more expensive power during peak hours. The project would also bring significant investment, construction jobs and new tax revenue to Solano County.

“Battery energy storage projects help communities throughout California receive safe, reliable, clean and affordable energy while ensuring modern energy infrastructure adheres to rigorous safety standards,” **said Ruben Grijalva, former State Fire Marshal and director of CAL FIRE.** “Public safety officials, environmental protection protocols, and smart infrastructure must all work together to protect and provide safe, reliable power for our communities.”

The CEC staff's recommendation follows a thorough assessment of the project's environmental impacts, public health and worker safety, fire protection and emergency preparedness, and compliance with state and local requirements. If approved, Corby would operate under rigorous safety requirements, including the latest NFPA 855 energy storage safety standard and comprehensive emergency response planning.

"Energy Commission staff conducted an extensive, science-based review that included findings from real-world incidents and certified laboratory test results," **said Scott Murtishaw, executive director of the California Energy Storage Alliance.** "The assessment shows how modern battery designs and rigorous safety standards provide multiple layers of protection that keep communities safe."

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