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Good Afternoon Supervisors,

The land here looks pretty barren – less wildfire danger – so it would be good for things like BESS or EV storage, maybe solar panels or even some kind of water retention. There needs to be a better plan than just open space.

Speaking on BESS and EV issues, EPA Pacific Southwest Region Administrator Josh F.W. Cook said “Calling a technology ‘green energy’ does not mean there are no environmental impacts. This is an issue of growing concern,”

“I am alarmed by the incidents and impacts of utility grade battery fires on first responders, specifically the professional firefighters who are exposed to horrible toxic conditions when batteries catch fire. This settlement action is a step in the right direction, but the broader battery storage fire issue requires additional attention and EPA enforcement.”

So I oppose this land purchase just for open space.

Regards,

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