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To: [ClerkoftheBoard](#)
Subject: Agenda Item # 75
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Please make sure this gets a SOAR vote before finalizing any project.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Larry
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"Pay attention to the cracks because that's where the light gets in"...L. Cohen

From: [Margaret Kirnig](#)
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I am a SOAR supporter SOAR is still legal and a vote of the people is required before this agricultural land is changed to a commercial use like Battery storage

Please observe.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

A SOAR vote is required before a decision can be made on the proposed battery storage facilities on agricultural land. It is overstepping your authority to vote on this issue without hearing from the voters. Please postpone your vote until a SOAR vote has been taken.

Sincerely,

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From: [Myra Totten](#)
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Good morning,

I am asking that the normal process to change the County's General Plan to allow battery storage facilities on SOAR-protected land be kept. That means that the Board of Supervisors review and certify an Environmental Impact Report, vote on the project and if they find it worthy of approval, submit it to the voters for their approval.

This makes for a more transparent process and provides a solid base of information for citizens to make their decision.

Thank you in advance for following the normal process.

Myra



Wellhead Electric Company, Inc.

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September 25, 2023

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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RE: Item No. 75: Public Comment

**Planning Division Assessment to Identify Suitable Lands and Priority Areas
for the Development of Renewable Energy Generation and Storage Projects
(PL23-0075)**

Honorable Ventura County Supervisors:

Wellhead Electric Company, Inc. (Wellhead) is a privately held 40-year-old California-based developer and operator of innovative power generation and energy storage facilities with over 500 MW of power generation and energy storage locations throughout the State.

Wellhead supports the County's efforts to identify suitable locations for renewable and energy storage facilities with continued support for agricultural and retention of open space. Suitable locations are those with good access to the electric transmission which have available capacity and are not just suitable but also viable.

The County's "GIS overlay" approach does not include information about which transmission and distribution lines have available capacity. In general, but not universally, the electric transmission and distribution lines have very limited capacity and the County's assessment represents an inaccurate statement of the viable Megawatts (MW's) and locations. A good example of a transmission line with significant available capacity would be the SCE 230 kV transmission lines crossing the Bailard Landfill as discussed more below.

In general, Wellhead supports the assessment approach and findings and offers the following comments and suggestions for your consideration.

Comment 1: The SCE 230kV transmission lines between the SCE Santa Clara substation in Ventura city and the decommissioned Mandalay Generation Station in Oxnard are de-energized with capacity for substantial interconnection without the need for new tie-in transmission lines if storage is located under or adjacent to these specific, existing transmission lines. The assessment methodology does not recognize

this unique opportunity and, instead, uses a “0-6 miles” (Assessment Appendix ‘A’ page 20) to assign ‘1’ point. Storage opportunities along this unique transmission corridor are undervalued by the assessment scoring.

Suggestion 1: Adjust the energy storage GIS evaluation scoring methodology to add an additional ‘2’ points to the geographic areas immediately under and along the Santa Clara Substation to Mandalay SCE transmission lines.

Comment 2: In general, the assessment treats solar, wind, and storage projects as a primary use replacing current land uses instead of recognizing co-location opportunities such that solar, wind, and storage projects could be accessory uses under certain development standards and conditions. Wind farms and solar ‘trees’ may be developed within orchards and row crops and feasible utility-scale battery storage units can be placed within orchards and farms on as few as 10 acres leaving most AG and OS parcels unchanged. The added revenue to AG operators would help maintain the industry, serve as readily available on-site back-up energy, and lead to the use of electric-powered farm equipment and vehicles that are charged from the accessory energy uses. And, as accessory uses to the continuing AG and OS uses, the portion of a zoning code amendment would not require SOAR voter approval.

Suggestion 2: Direct staff to include the three uses as Accessory Uses in OS and AG zoning with appropriate development standards (size, location, fire control, visual, etc.) and move an Accessory Use zoning code amendment forward in advance of the proposed code amendments that require a SOAR vote.

Comment 3: The staff report discussion of CUPA sites (page 24) does not specifically list “closed landfill.” Wellhead is working with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD) to assess the feasibility of an energy storage project within the SCE 220-foot wide 230 kV and 66 kV transmission and distribution lines ROW that crosses the closed Bailard Landfill located west of Victoria Avenue and south of the Santa Clara River. This site clearly has additional regulatory issues with the RMA’s Environmental Health Division and CalRecycle at the State level. This location could be a “win-win” that provides revenue to the VRSD and brings substantial energy storage on-line as early as 2025 that directly benefits public safety in the west county area.

Suggestion 3: Direct County Executive Officer Savet Johnson to notice County staff in various departments to prioritize working with the VRSD and Wellhead as we jointly explore project feasibility that involves with Fire Department, RMA, Public Works Watershed Management, and other offices in the coming months.

Wellhead looks forward to working with County staff and the VRSD to develop an energy storage facility that will greatly enhance public safety by providing energy storage in close proximity to public safety facilities such as water pumps, fire stations, and hospitals.

Sincerely,

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You Board Members had better do your job(s)

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Please honor SOAR and vote NO on battery facilities near Moorpark. Bad bad bad for the environment.
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