

**From:** [Craig \[REDACTED\]](#)  
**To:** [-- City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Request for BESS EIR  
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I request that this letter be distributed to the full Council, the City Attorney, and the City Manager.

Members of the Petaluma City Council,

Two very large lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage Systems are proposed to be sited very close to Petaluma.

The first, the Borealis Energy Storage Project of 300 Megawatts, Permit Sonoma Planning Project PLP22-0025, is planned for a site adjacent to the Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park.

The second, the Bolero Corporation project of 200 Megawatts, Sonoma County Planning Project PLP22-0005, is planned for a site adjacent to the Pacific Gas and Electric substation at the corner of Frates Road and Old Adobe Road.

The two lithium-ion Battery Energy Storage Systems pose significant hazards to residents of Petaluma. These hazards deserve full investigation and public discussion.

I request that the City Council of Petaluma pass a resolution emphatically requesting that the Planning Department of Sonoma County perform full EIRs for each of these projects.

Respectfully,

Craig Nelson [REDACTED] Petaluma 94954

(type your name, street address , city and zip code here)





**BESS** = Battery Energy Storage System Location **Red Line** = reach of toxic cloud (Vistra Corp)



# Petaluma



Darker Color (Orange) is High Wildfire Risk Zone (Sonoma County General Plan 2020)



September 28, 2023

Borealis Battery Storage Project  
Energy Storage Development  
ATTN Mark Turner, Project Manager  
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San Diego, CA 92130

**Re: Notice of Project Status - Environmental Review**

File No. PLP22-0025  
Site Address: 3571 Adobe Road Petaluma, CA 94954  
APN: 017-130-008

Dear Mr. Turner,

This letter is regarding Permit Sonoma's environmental review status on your application for a Use Permit to allow a Battery Energy Storage System Facility at the above referenced property.

Permit Sonoma has determined that the scope and intensity of development proposed under PLP22-0025 has the potential to result in significant environmental impacts that cannot be fully mitigated, and therefore an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be required prior to initiating further processing of the permit. Among other things, the EIR will need to address sensitive tribal cultural resources (APN 017-130-008).

The cost for EIR consultant services will be based on the consultant selected from a Request for Proposals process. An additional deposit covering the full cost of these services will be required once the consulting firm is selected and the scope of work is defined.

Should you wish to proceed, please be aware that preparation of an EIR does not guarantee Permit Sonoma will support a recommendation of approval of the project. If you have any questions regarding this request or need clarification or additional time to respond, please contact me at [Peter.Kaljian@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Peter.Kaljian@sonoma-county.org) (707) 565-1735 or [Blake.Hillegas@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Blake.Hillegas@sonoma-county.org) (707) 565-1392.

Sincerely,

