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**Date:** January 28, 2025 at 8:39:43 AM MST

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**Subject:** Fwd: 'Horrrifying' fire at California lithium battery plant sparks calls for new clean energy rules

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I am an Appellant for the approval given by the SC P&Z Commission for the PCR request. This is the rezoning to accommodate their solar and BESS plans for the Diamond Tail property. I am a proponent of green energy **but the risks to the Sandia Mountain from the BESS installation and potential fire is a risk that none of us should contemplate.** This PCR proposal is an example of “Right Project, Wrong place”. The West Mesa of SC already has several solar and BESS installations so why not move the PCR project there?

Here is a news article that makes the fire risk clear and ahead of existing regulations and technology.

Th Monterey County Supervisor says this about the Moss Landing battery fire:



'Horrifying' fire at California lithium battery plant sparks calls for new clean energy rules  
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Sincerely,

*Pat Czeto*

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Nina Rebstock

Resident of Santa Fe County

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"Let thy food be thy medicine, and thy medicine be thy food" Hippocrates

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Nina Rebstock

Resident of Santa Fe County

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Donald Miller

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Sincerely,

Jo Harmon

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I am a resident of Sandoval County and I am a PNM customer.

Sincerely, Lynne Patton

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Dear Sandoval County Commissioners,

I am writing to you to request that you PLEASE DO NOT allow any solar farms/ battery storage facilities near residential areas nor the Turquoise Trail National Scenic Byway. I have been informed that the State Land Office has identified millions of acres of "brownfields" that are much more appropriate to locate these industrial plants. In fighting against a proposed massive battery farm in Santa Fe County to be located in the middle of 25,000 residents, I have done quite a lot of research into these highly dangerous and explosive batteries. It is not safe to put these battery farms near people and they endanger our environment with the high risk of causing wildfires and polluting the air, land and water with forever chemicals and many other toxins.

I believe it is the FIRST responsibility of our local county governments to protect the residents and the environment of this state from harm. These industrial-size battery/solar farms are way to dangerous for the locations that have been proposed. Since there are "brownfields" already identified as better suited and in safer locations, then it only makes sense to install them where they do not destroy the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and the environment, as well as our beautiful views, pristine land and our ground water. It does seem counterintuitive to try to prevent climate change while simultaneously polluting the environment and endangering residents. Please choose a more reasonable location and do not destroy the livability of our beautiful state.

Thank you,

Nancy Peterson

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Thank you,

Nancy Peterson



**From:** Nancy Peterson <[neen\\_11475@msn.com](mailto:neen_11475@msn.com)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2025 4:50 PM

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>; Jon Herr <[jrherr@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:jrherr@sandovalcountynm.gov)>; Michael Meek <[mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:mmeek@sandovalcountynm.gov)>; Jordan Juarez <[jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:jojuarez@sandovalcountynm.gov)>; Joshua Jones <[jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:jjones@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** Proposed Diamond Trail Solar & Battery Storage

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**From:** James Gover <[jgover@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jgover@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 10:20:28 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** I support building nuclear power plants in Sandoval County for data centers

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

Data centers that run AI-based software have high demands for electric power. I recommend that Sandoval County attract companies who build data centers to come to NM and make use of the most reliable electric power in the world, nuclear power. For more information including the file deck I recently used for a UNM talk, please make email contact with me.

Sincerely,

James Gover

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1507

[jgover@kettering.edu](mailto:jgover@kettering.edu)

**From:** Anastasia Andersen <[AAndersen62@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:AAndersen62@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 12:09:50 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** I Support Diamond Tail Solar Project

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Sincerely,

Anastasia Andersen

Albuquerque, NM 87110-2519

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**From:** Dawn Foster <[dawnfoster84@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:dawnfoster84@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 4, 2025 at 7:52:42 AM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Dawn Foster

Placitas, NM 87043-9411

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**From:** Christine Spigarelli <[eldoradosf@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:eldoradosf@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 3:48:54 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,  
Christine Spigarelli  
Rio Rancho, NM 87127  
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**From:** Mitchell Freedman <[MITCHELLFREEDMAN@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:MITCHELLFREEDMAN@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 3:53:08 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Mitchell Freedman

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-5917

[MITCHELLFREEDMAN@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MITCHELLFREEDMAN@YAHOO.COM)

**From:** M Timothy Callan <[tim17271@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:tim17271@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:01:13 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

M Timothy Callan

Placitas, NM 87043-9335

[tim17271@gmail.com](mailto:tim17271@gmail.com)

**From:** Jae Riebe <[jaeriebe@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:jaeriebe@everyactioncustom.com)>  
**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:07:41 PM MST  
**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>  
**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar  
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Sincerely,  
Jae Riebe  
Rio Rancho, NM 87144-3501  
[jaeriebe@gmail.com](mailto:jaeriebe@gmail.com)



**From:** Delbert Schafer <[schafer42@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:schafer42@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:30:42 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Delbert Schafer

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1333

[schafer42@gmail.com](mailto:schafer42@gmail.com)

**From:** Karen Miller <[karen-miller@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:karen-miller@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:43:37 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Karen Miller

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-3918

[karen-miller@pinewoodpreschool.com](mailto:karen-miller@pinewoodpreschool.com)

**From:** Ann Kepley <[ann.kepley@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:ann.kepley@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:49:58 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,  
Ann Kepley  
Bernalillo, NM 87004-5770  
[ann.kepley@gmail.com](mailto:ann.kepley@gmail.com)

**From:** Lynne Patton <[lynnepatton@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lynnepatton@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 5:20:40 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,  
Lynne Patton

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Lynne Patton  
Rio Rancho, NM 87124-0975  
[lynnepatton@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnepatton@hotmail.com)

**From:** Charmaine O'Rourke <[werecamo@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:werecamo@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 5:58:56 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Charmaine O'Rourke

Ruidoso, NM 88345-7811

[werecamo@gmail.com](mailto:werecamo@gmail.com)

**From:** Dennis Bumgarner <[behavior-coach@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:behavior-coach@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 6:36:54 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Dennis Bumgarner

Placitas, NM 87043-8766

[behavior-coach@att.net](mailto:behavior-coach@att.net)

**From:** Lindsay Lannholm <[lindsayanne99@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lindsayanne99@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 8:34:43 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Lannholm

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-4718

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**From:** shelley mann-lev <[shelleymannlev1@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:shelleymannlev1@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 9:17:27 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,  
shelley mann-lev  
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6528  
[shelleymannlev1@gmail.com](mailto:shelleymannlev1@gmail.com)



**From:** Dianne Burke <[bdianne48@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:bdianne48@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 6, 2025 at 1:00:23 AM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Sincerely,

Dianne Burke

Rio Rancho, NM 87124-7619

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**From:** Sue Adams <[adams2361@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:adams2361@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 6, 2025 at 8:45:05 AM MST

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**Subject:** New Mexicans Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Supporting the Diamond Tail Solar Project is a common-sense step that strengthens our local economy while preserving the values we hold dear. Thank you for your service to our community and for considering this important project.

Please support this Solar project.!

Sue Adams

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gail PINKEPANK <[gpinkepank@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:gpinkepank@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 6, 2025 at 9:51:53 AM MST

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**From:** Stefi Weisburd <[weisburd@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:weisburd@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 6, 2025 at 12:50:27 PM MST

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

I have written to the Commission previously about the compelling economic and job benefits to the county of the proposed Diamond Tail Solar and Storage project in the East Mountains where I live. Replacing coal-generated electricity with solar is a huge water savings, and the income from the farm will enable the ranch owners to conduct conservation on an important Rio Grande Basin watershed in the county.

We are lucky to have companies like PCR who want to invest in clean energy in our state especially now when Federal support is so precarious.

Studies indicate that we must build the equivalent of one 200 MW solar and one 200 MW wind farm per month in our state for 16 years to slow climate change that is already taking its toll here.

([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SBp4K2A2oKx\\_7-R5wVNVKlp0JZDFfpBn/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SBp4K2A2oKx_7-R5wVNVKlp0JZDFfpBn/view)).

I know my neighbors are worried about fires from batteries, but the spread of sometimes alarming and misinformed messages on Next Door and other forums does a great disservice to a reasoned public discussion. Reiterating some important points experts have made:

- o No battery fire has ever spread or caused property damage outside of its facility.

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SC-KRbeh6uYosfzAz0ShlswdMZxH8FIB/view>)

- o As you know, modern battery systems, like that envisioned for Diamond Tail, are designed as a series of widely spaced, continuously monitored containers certified to stringent, multilayered fire safety codes and each equipped with fire prevention and suppression systems.

- o The last decade and post-2022 fire safety standards have substantially reduced the frequency and severity of battery fires as deployment of these systems has skyrocketed.

- o The proposed Tesla Megapacks exceed some local fire safety standards.

- o The recent Moss Landing fires occurred in a completely different design which concentrated racks of batteries into a repurposed building. Less than 1% of facilities are designed that way, for good reason.

(<https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/energy-storage/moss-landing-fire-reveals-flaws-in-the-battery-industrys-early-designs>)

My neighbors also object to the seeing the farm from their homes a few miles away and from some trails in the Sandias. I seriously doubt the project, which really can't be seen from NM14, will have any impact on Turquoise Trail tourism. If anything, I see the farm as a monument to the pioneering contributions New Mexicans have made to solar energy development – including Indigenous, Sandia Labs and university scientists, the National Solar Thermal Test Facility, the nation's oldest solar energy association, the country's first solar thermal business building, and the experimental passive solar buildings at Ghost Ranch, among other achievements.

Sandoval County has a great opportunity to participate in the clean energy economy and reduce climate pollution, giving the East Mountains a greater chance of staying beautiful for decades to come.

Sincerely,  
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**Date:** February 6, 2025 at 3:15:22 PM MST

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We must bring in more jobs and find renewable energy solutions. I love where I live.

You have a wonderful opportunity to make it even better.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Susanne Hinkle <[susanne.g.hinkle@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:susanne.g.hinkle@everyactioncustom.com)>

**Date:** February 5, 2025 at 4:47:53 PM MST

**To:** Katherine Bruch <[kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov](mailto:kbruch@sandovalcountynm.gov)>

**Subject:** Support Diamond Tail Solar

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Dear Commissioner Katherine A. Bruch,

As a member of the community, I support the Diamond Tail Solar Project in Sandoval County. From what I have read it's a win/win/win for all parties, ie, our planet, PNM, and Sandoval County residents. Please vote in favor of this project for the good of everything. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,  
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Hello Wayne,

After our discuss, I spoke with my board members as well as EMPAC's to organize our response to Chairman Meek's memorandum concerning the Feb. 18th hearing. Attached is a PDF of our request, which is also cut and pasted into this email. As you referenced, you will be meeting with Chairman Meek tomorrow morning and will address our request and concern then. You also indicated you would get back to us about your discussion in a timely manner.

Look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thank you,  
Karen Yank

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TTRA & EMPAC's  
Response to Wayne

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairman Michael Meek & Manager Wayne Johnson, Sandoval County

**FROM:** Karen Yank, President, TTRA; Dennis Kellogg, President, EMPAC

**DATE:** February 5, 2025

**RE:** **Organization and Procedures for Hearing Appeals on ZNCH-24-005**



As appellants who filed formal appeals, on December 30, 2024, alleging abuse of discretion by P&Z Director Beaman, we write to respond to Chairman Meek's memorandum, dated January 31, 2025, setting forth the procedures for the ZNCH-24-005 hearing process.

Objection: We respectfully object to the hearing process outlined by Chair Meek. By "lumping" our December 30 appeals in with all the other subsequent appeals, our December 30 appeals are obliterated. We paid separate filing fees for the December 30 appeals, and we expect a separate hearing to consider these appeals.

Request: We request that the County hear our December 30 appeals first, and separately, from the other 10 follow-on appeals. These first appeals relate to the discrete issue of how P&Z erred on several counts involving the posting of materials by both parties for public record, along with Mr. Beaman error made by deny our request to postpone the scheduled December 10, 2024, P&Z Hearing on ZNCH-24-005.

Preferred Outcome: We hope—and expect—that after the County has considered our December 30 appeals, the County will remand ZNCH-24-005 back to P&Z for another hearing in which all parties will be provided with a full and transparent opportunity to present their facts and arguments, pro and con, on the matter of ZNCH-24-005.

Reasoning: The P&Z hearing held on December 10 was rushed and inadequate, and thus defective. Applicant PCR flooded the participants with a mass of last-minute documents and the opposition parties had no time to digest that PCR material and respond accordingly. This is why we requested a postponement of the December 10 in the first place, which Mr. Beaman denied in error. Furthermore, Staff Director allowed the applicant to submit documents well past the 72-hour deadline and in fact allowed materials to be posted the day before the hearing. At the same time, Staff Director withheld posting timely materials submitted by the opposition parties for several day wasting valuable time that the P&Z Commission would have had to review. The result of this defective process was that opposition parties were denied a fair and full opportunity to submit evidence and testimony explaining why the proposed zoning change, ZNCH-24-005, should be denied.

And why is this important? Because, according to the rules promulgated by the County Board, in any hearing before the Board, the only evidence that we can use is that which we presented in the December 10 P&Z Hearing. As Chair Meek stated in the January 31 memorandum: "Evidence will be limited to the record of the initial Planning and Zoning Commission hearing".

Our argument is simple: Mr. Beaman erred in denying our request to postpone the December 10 hearing; as a result, we were denied the ability to create an adequate record of evidence on the matter of ZNCH-24-005; which means that we are now substantially—and unfairly—disadvantaged when coming before the Board for the February 18, 2025, hearing.

Request Stay of Proceedings on ZNCH-24-005 to include the second group of 10 appeals pending the Board of County Commissioner decision at a Hearing on our first instant appeals addressing the abuse of discretion : Pursuant to County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Section 22E, Appeals, appellants TTRA and EMPAC hereby requests that the instant appeal shall stay all proceedings in the matter of ZNCH-24-005 by the Sandoval County Board of Commissioners, until such time as the instant appeal is considered by Sandoval County Board of Commission in a Public Hearing and a formal decision is taken on the merits of the instant appeal by the Sandoval County Board of Commission at said Public Hearing or reasonably thereafter.