

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Gotta love Kimberly De Serpa---Yep-How does Vistra make money  
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**From:** skitumbleweed [REDACTED]  
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Excellent words. Superior!!!

The issue is that there are too many angles regarding this battery disaster and the public is not informed and our state unfortunately is not controlling the matter enough.

Tim Delaney

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: I don't trust Trump's EPA for environmental testing  
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Trump does not care about any Californian whether Republican or Democrat.

So I am not really interested in Federal testing. Sure they can do it. But how can I trust a Trump EPA and a bunch of Texas boys doing the testing?

That's like expecting a Federal Judge in Texas to rule in favor of my Mom who is based in California or Nevada regarding a Medicare dispute. That Texas Judge flushed the case down the drain. He was indifferent to my Mom and her issues.

So I would not expect much Federal help at all regarding this Vistra disaster. They just are not smart enough to understand that the berries they eat come from our region.

Best approach is to hatch a bunch of lawyers on them.

Tim Delaney

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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First of all, how would your average low income migrant who's education also may be lower engage in any public discussions or even understand these technologies being deployed by Vistra?

I see this company as pulling a fast one on the community and the community did not understand that they needed more discussions.

Most folks don't have my Physics Degree and may not be able to articulate concerns in public meetings and my understanding is that the public didn't respond and was left out of the discussions.

Tim Delaney

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**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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Trump's FDA and EPA or whatever it will be. Trust is lost right now with the Federal Government.

Have California professionals control all angles the matters of energy and Vistra.

Tim Delaney

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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**From:** kat [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 2, 2025 5:01 PM  
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**Subject:** Vistra fire and future battery storage facilities

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for your efforts in regards to understanding the causes and consequences of the recent Vistra fire in Moss Landing.

I want to add my voice in urging you to continue to support the investigation of how this release of toxic chemicals has affected our air, soil, water and the impacts on agriculture, marine life, and human health and how we can prevent future fires.

Being a local public school teacher, I was distressed on Friday, the 17th with the mixed message about air quality in Santa Cruz. I would have liked a clearer message from the Santa Cruz County Department of Health and a preventative stance re: pollutants which are not measured by AQI with a recommendation from the start that children ( a vulnerable population for air pollution) be kept indoors. And I'm extremely concerned with fellow adults who have reported symptoms of sore throat, cough, metallic taste in their mouth, etc. San Jose State's findings of a spike of heavy metals in the soil is deeply worrisome in regards to how this may affect our food and water supply.

Moving forward, how can we, Santa Cruz County, work together with Monterey County, to prevent future fires at the Moss Landing site? It was disturbing to learn this had been the fourth fire in five years at the facility. I believe Vistra needs to be held accountable and I hope the \$750 gift cards to evacuees are just the beginning of their attempt to make reparations, not the end.

It's my understanding that new battery storage facilities are slated for Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Aptos. With the world moving so quickly with new technologies it's important that we have safety plans and systems of regulation/oversight in place.

Thank you for your important work in serving our county.  
Best,

Kat Burke



**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
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This is laughable.

I thought the smile on Manu's face when he mentioned wondering about how this was permitted was legendary.

The smoke had metals in it most likely. Of course heavy metals can be lifted into the air. Whatever it was I too could smell it outside my home at the top of Summit. And I noticed the difference in the look of the air hanging over Santa Cruz. There was inversion in your region and that inversion layer of pollution did not look like the inversion layers of pollution that I have seen before from wildfires or typical pollution in the Bay Area during winter time cold air inversion periods.

So whatever the case the company is liable. They are negligent as engineers and did not properly design their concepts for the energy industry.

Their stock compensation is a real concern. And remember these folks are not based in California. My recommendation for such sensitive growing regions that are key to world food supply is that West Coast families and their engineering relatives should be the ones steering these ships. We have the most to lose. But also Texans and the deep south have a bunch to lose too. Their own food supply is not optimum. So if they junk our environment and food supply that also harms a Texan.

Whatever the case this is ignorance all around. Maybe for such sensitive regions for food supply it is not too wise to have such plants nearby. Anyone look into sodium for instance instead of lithium? Anyone look at other options that don't have these

contamination risks. And if we must assume risk it seems like they did not have the optimum concepts deployed to contain that risk.

I just don't see the due diligence that I provided the government while an engineer at Lockheed for space missions applied here by Vistra with our food and water being at risk. It's outrageous.

**I do not trust Trump's Federal Government on environmental matters. The state of CA and counties of CA with our UC and State universities should control the environmental discussions.**

**Lawsuits are on order and lawyers need to go after their assets and stock compensation. That's my take.**

**You'd think Trump would behave like Reagan and understand the importance of food security to national security. Rounding up immigrants and poisoning our farms in a era of 50/50 demographics in the USA seems to be a recipe for causing considerable harm to the USA. It's an interesting problem we have now.**

Tim Delaney



**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
**To:** [Jesseka Rodriguez](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent need for our safety: Change is essential for Lithium-Ion battery future storage AND Telone pesticide use in our County and State  
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**From:** Kathy S [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Urgent need for our safety: Change is essential for Lithium-Ion battery future storage AND Telone pesticide use in our County and State

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Attn:

Manu Koenig  
Kimberly De Serpa  
Justin Cummings  
Felipe Hernandez  
Monica Martinez

Thank you for your attention to my letter here regarding a complete disturbing alarming realization that our environment including air water and soil are all being poisoned because of the Lithium-Ion fire. Additionally learning that the farming industry allows Telone pesticide on our fruits and vegetables in our county of course the salad bowl of America as well.

From what I've heard and learned recently that the storage was too compact and stacked there are other ways to store the battery packs. Also there is a lot of open space away from agricultural and the ocean where our food sources our primary and this local lovely beautiful area that we live in. Why are we allowing the poisoning of our food and destroying our environment with careless storage facilities.

Please do not allow any more of these facilities locally there are so many other options in California that would not impact our food source or any community close by with all the open space that we have why has this been permitted?

Telone pesticide is outlawed in 40 other countries so why is California farming and agricultural allowing this? There are other options I'm sure and we can adopt those ideas from cleaner living communities whether it's Europe or new science ideas.

Please gather a group of environmentalist and scientists and experts to adopt this change.

I am grateful for your service to our community I feel sure that you agree how important this is so please let me know if I can sign something to go take this further and join in a crusade a peaceful process.

Sincerely with gratitude

Katherine Sparrow

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Cummings---You bet!!! Who pays??!  
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And more good comments.

Drag Trump down here and let him talk to the surfing community. Who pays for the testing in regards to this Vistra mess. I say Vistra for sure. And possibly the Federal Government. Our region should not have to foot the bill.

Let Trump talk to a bunch of men with wetsuits on and surfboards about toxic metal in their food. And let Kelly Slater think about that angle too.

That's uncomfortable. My advice to Trump is don't show up in a power suit for the discussion. Let Donald shake hands with a kid that just came out of the water with the seal or otter in the background. Let Donald struggle to explain to that kid that he will somehow get Vistra and the Federal Government to foot the bill to clean up the food supply and soil in our region for the benefit of that kid who surfs.

Tim

**From:** [Board Of Supervisors](#)  
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Tis the thing Donald Trump does not understand.

How can our military have lethality to defend us when the intelligence community is hollowed out, defense sector has no creativity, FBI doesn't exist, and lastly our entire military of all walks of life do not trust or appreciate one another.

A U.S. military that hates one another and that has nothing worth fighting for is a losing military. No American parent wants their kid in that.

I can assure you Vladimir Putin loves Trump. Vladimir Putin feared all the other Presidents, Republican or Democrat.

I don't see the economic or military value in causing so much suffering to migrants or the LBGTQ community. His strategies make no sense whatsoever for the security of the American people and do nothing more but hand the advantage to all our enemies. It's unprecedented and hateful. Astounding to me.

I am the real war hawk in the room. All American people have a contribution to American society and to all of our peace and prosperity. Somehow I can't imagine how Ronald Reagan would behave in such a way. Especially when confronted with demographics and numbers in today's technology world. Our top military is well aware of the quality of potential recruits. Many LBGTQ folks are in excellent physical condition. You need excellent physical condition and a modern education to function in our military. Expecting a contingent of southern brainwashed white boys to be the backbone of our society and military is highly unrealistic. Ronald Reagan would see that just like he saw

the value of farmers when he was confronted with immigration. Today we need immigrants even more. And we cannot afford to turn away any American that has physical or education abilities for military service. Doing so starves our military of lethality and technology advantage. And that is a bogus cost to society that we all cannot afford. It would be so much better to have all these migrant labor folks for farming and all sorts of land work that needs to be done in our communities. So it's a huge cost. And we are all getting older like other nations. It would be better to have them stay and have legal status paying into our tax systems in my view over spending so much money to harass communities while rounding people up. Not to mention fear and anxiety in just sending a kid to school for instance. So I see huge ignorance with the Trump administration.

Securing the border is one issue. Large expulsion? That is a whole different ball game.

I see no military or economic value whatsoever. Only harm and strained relations with other nations. And this plays into Putin's hand in total. That's my view.

Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Tim Delaney