



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience

Subject: Report on Response and Recovery Activities from Moss Landing
Vistra Power Plant Fire

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Consider oral report on response and recovery activities from Moss
Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire

Recommended Actions

Accept and file oral report on response and recovery activities associated with the Moss
Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire.

Executive Summary

A lithium-ion battery fire broke out at the Moss Landing Vistra Energy Power Plant on
Thursday, January 16, 2025. The event included a large fire including burning of lithium
batteries, damage to private property on the facility grounds, smoke and potential
hazardous fumes, and resulted in evacuation and road closures in the Moss Landing
area. This oral report presents a summary of the incident, response activities by
Monterey County, Vistra Energy, and actions taken by Santa Cruz County.

Discussion

This oral report presents a summary of the incident, response activities by Monterey
County, Vistra Energy, and actions taken by Santa Cruz County. When the lithium-ion
battery fire broke out at the Moss Landing Vistra Energy Power Plant on Thursday,
January 16, 2025, the County Emergency Management Organization, Office of
Response, Recovery and Resilience, activated to monitor, respond and coordinate with
Monterey County, county agencies and community partners as needed.

The event included a large fire including burning of lithium batteries, damage to private
property on the facility grounds, smoke and potential hazardous fumes, and resulted in
evacuation and road closures in the Moss Landing area. The primary impact seen in
Santa Cruz County was smoke from the fire being blown into Santa Cruz County the
evening of Thursday, January 16th through Friday, January 17th.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from this item.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety, Sustainable Environment

Climate Action - Energy

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.