



County of Monterey Board of Supervisors

Board Order

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Upon consensus the Board:

Received a report on the adoption of an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on new Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County while new policies and regulations for BESS are developed; and

Directed staff to look for funding to hire a consultant to outsource this, in order to get, a draft ordinance back to the Board in a timely manner. This matter is to come back to the Board by January for a status update with a realistic timeline within less than a year of what can be accomplished.

The Board stated there are examples out there, as well as safety protocols that have been adopted recently by other counties which the consultants can use as a reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of November 2025, by roll call vote:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting November 18, 2025.

Dated: November 24, 2025
File ID: PAR 25-018
Agenda Item No.: 19

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California


Margarita Hernandez, Deputy