

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Systems: Legal Issues and Opportunities



As with any energy project, utility-scale battery storage projects present land use, permitting and environmental and health and safety issues, and developers need to anticipate and address these issues to successfully meet project development timelines and goals, according to an article published by **Farella Braun + Martell LLP**.

“Development-related concerns for utility-scale BESS projects include site consistency with land use and zoning laws, worker safety, security and community safety measures, hazardous waste management and disposal, potential impacts on species and habitat, visual impacts, storm water management, and coordination with generation and transmission facilities,” write David J. Lazerwitz, Chris Locke and Brennan Quinn Bentley. “As with any new project-based technology, the myriad of issues relating to BESS projects are still evolving.”

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