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## **NO to RB Inyokern Data Center**

We are residents of Inyokern writing to express great concern about the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center currently under review under CEC Docket 26-SPPE-01.

The Indian Wells Valley groundwater basin is formally designated as critically overdrafted. Current pumping is 20,840 acre-feet per year against the reported sustainable yield of only 7,650. A facility of this size, using evaporative cooling in desert conditions, can consume roughly 500,000 gallons of water per day – close to 8 percent of the basin's entire sustainable annual yield, used by a single facility every day.

This basin has no surface water. No river. No backup. The aquifer is the only source of water for 38,000 residents and Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake. Phase 2 of the water rights adjudication goes to trial June 1, 2026. The pipeline currently proposed to address this project has no appropriated funding or complete design, is considered by many to be unfeasible and depends on a State Water Project that delivered only 5% of contracted water in 2022 and sits at 30% for 2026. There is no margin for new large-scale groundwater demand at this time.

Small well owners in the vicinity of the project have a great risk of total well failure with overdraft of the nearby basin.

Additionally, noise and light pollution for nearby homes is of great concern. We have lived in the vicinity of the proposed project for over 40 years. It is dark and quiet at night, something we highly value in our lives and the reason we chose to live here. That will all come to an end with the completion of this project.

It is already hot enough in the desert in the summer. Data centers are proven to add additional heat to the surrounding area. The additional heat load from this project could make living in the vicinity intolerable.

Please consider and read carefully everything I have objected to and DO NOT allow the installation of the RB Inyokern Data Center.