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Environmentally irresponsible

Putting a data center in Inyokern, California would be environmentally irresponsible because the region already suffers from extreme water scarcity and depends on slow-replenishing groundwater. Data centers require massive and continuous water use—often hundreds of thousands to millions of gallons per day—much of which is lost through evaporation. In a desert climate, this creates a direct conflict between industrial demand and community survival. Rather than placing water-intensive infrastructure in one of the driest regions in the country, development should prioritize locations with sustainable water availability to avoid long-term environmental damage and resource depletion.