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Greetings.

I am a resident of the Indian Wells Valley, inyokern, writing to express 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.

I am also writing as a neighbor to the proposed Data center. If built I will be .4 miles away. Less than a half mile. I have animals, dogs and ducks, who are family and would be at risk. My husband and I are both high risk and we cannot support this project here we already have no water. We have had many sources quit selling it to us because of the well running dry or a malfunction. We've had boil water notices, and must use bottled water as it is. The summers reach 120 here and there's no relief. To build a data center here is a really bad idea and nobody in the town of inyokern or Ridgecrest is in support of it. NOBODY.

You must take the word of the community and measure their support or opposition before approving a project that has such an impact on the environment. This cannot be built here.

I respectfully request a full environmental review with specific attention to water supply impacts, and that any approval require demonstrated water-neutral or dry cooling technology before construction begins.