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Lack of feasibility of an RBIDC Data Center

Articles in journals and newspapers on data center technology clearly demonstrate negative impacts on a large scale. Most articles and recently published data on this topic focus on data center impacts to water resources, power consumption with significant mention of noise, pollution and light. Outside of Alexa responding to my query 20 milliseconds faster, I have yet to find a positive impact of a data center. That is UNLESS the article is discussing metrics provided by the data center firm proposing the installation of a data center.

Most important to your area of concern is a data center power consumption rate that has grown from a reported 3% of Grid use to a most recently reported 12%. More impressive, is that this growth occurred over the last 10 years! How can that growth rate possibly be sustained? When you compare a data centers thirst for power to the painful rise in electricity costs in California you certainly have my attention. With power consumption growth at this rate California will have to entertain large scale, cost effective/cheaper power generation solutions in huge numbers and add these solutions to our grid quickly. If not done in an accurate and planned manner we will once again have California homeowners watch their power costs increase exponentially. For reasons stated above, I strongly object to the installation of a data center in Inyokern.

Having said that, I would have no problem supporting a data center being proposed for a remote community looking for new employers to help keep jobs in their valley, like... Trona, California. If this data center is looking for a home, that would very likely embrace them, they may find it a mere 35 miles away. They will not find it in Inyokern.