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I strongly oppose this proposed data center and the development of large-scale data centers in California. California should think very carefully before approving large-scale data centers, especially in communities that are already dealing with limited water resources. California has faced recurring drought and increasingly dry conditions for years, and the state's Department of Water Resources warns that droughts are becoming more frequent and lasting longer as the climate becomes hotter and drier. Not to mention we always have fire season. Data centers can require significant amounts of water for cooling, consume enormous amounts of electricity, generate constant noise from cooling equipment and backup generators, increase construction traffic and air pollution, and permanently transform large areas of land into industrial facilities. These impacts can be particularly concerning for rural communities, farmers, wildlife, and residents who depend on groundwater. California is already working to build drought resilience and prepare for an increasingly uncertain water future, so adding another major industrial demand for water and electricity should not be treated as harmless development. Before approving projects like this, communities should require full transparency about water consumption, the source of that water, impacts on groundwater and local wells, electricity demand, emissions, noise, and the long-term environmental costs. Our limited natural resources should first protect the people, farms, wildlife, and communities that already depend on them not be put at unnecessary risk for the expansion of massive data centers. Thank you.