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Although I had commented previously, I have learned more about the proposed project. I have deep concerns. These include adequate water, power demands and generation, noise, and air pollution. Our valley has been designated by the State of California as a basin in critical overdraft. Although we have submitted a sustainability plan, I have doubts that it is a viable plan. We can not even agree on the amount of water in our aquifer or the recharge rate without even counting probable drought years. While efforts are underway to pipe water into the valley, payment of water does not guarantee water actually delivered. This solution is in the undefined future.

Adequate power is another concern. If diesel generators are used, how will they be fueled? How much will they add to air pollution? If they are only for backup, what will be the source of the energy, what infrastructure upgrades will be needed and who will pay? Typically, demands are highest when the temperature rises in the summer, due to the need for cooling. This is a period when a data center will also need power for cooling. I have concerns that ratepayers costs will go up. Further, electricity is used to pump water. The demand for water also increases during the summer because many residents use evaporative coolers. Power and water demand are connected.

Other concerns are the noise that the data center will generate even without the use of generators. Data centers operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The proposed location is along a main highway, close to businesses and an elementary school.

I also have concerns about air pollution during the operation, but also during construction. The Indian Wells Valley has *Coccidioides* spores in the soil that cause *Coccidiomycosis* when soil is disturbed. This illness is very debilitating for periods of over a year.

For all these reasons I oppose the construction of a data center in Inyokern. I do not believe that these concerns can be adequately addressed. I ask that the application be denied.