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I am strongly apposed to the permitting of another large water dependent facility in the Indian Wells Valley. If this plant is permitted;- if they are economically successful, they could expand. The aquifer currently can't support the demands.

I have used well water in the valley for 55 years. The water table has dropped drastically in that time, and is currently dropping at one foot per year, valley wide.

This is documented by Kern County Water Agency. They measures my well twice a year and other wells in the valley.

We have very little recharge and no way to import water. Los Angeles Water & Power has rights to all of the water to our north and west.

We already have large water users in the valley, and can't afford any more.

Trona plants & community
 Naval weapons center
 IWV water district
 Ridgecrest public works Parks and road mediums
 Cerro Coso College
 Inyokern Service District
 Hay fields north of Inyokern
 and numerous orchards.

Water problems facing the IWV:

1. We have no known way to make water
2. A very small chance to import water, ever
3. Little recharge to our aquifer
4. An indisputable yearly drop in water table
5. No recharge by rain on the valley floor.

With these facts , how can the valley supply more water?

Do we just keep using water until there is no more? Let the younger generations suffer the consequences of our greed and greed is involved in this plan. The IWV water district voted unanimously, that they can supply the plant water, even though none of them are geologist, just business men... The city fathers are also business men that can smell the influx of money.

Our country needs solar power, but this purposed plant uses enormous amounts of our dwindling water supply. There are solar systems that don't require water to operate.

I suggest that a waterless solar system be built here or the planed plant be moved to a location that can supply water and could import water in the future.

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