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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Since time is of the essence, now more than ever community input and LVC updates are important. So it is unacceptable for scheduled LVC meetings to be canceled or postponed. This shows a lack of respect and gravitas for our frontline community. This also sidelines your commissioners that have a vested interest in bringing forth different perspectives. All credibility will be lost if such cancellations continue. If proper funds cannot be obtained for this commission, while California has a budget surplus, it proves it was never a priority.

I also have a concern about future meeting locations since to travel to IVC from fence-line communities is a hardship. This may be the reason for low participation from Bombay Beach, Niland, Calipatria and Westmorland. For example, it is comparable to having a meeting in Palm Springs for an issue directly affecting the city of North Shore. This bias, whether conscious or unconscious, speaks unfavorably about the process.

The community is hesitant to engage since they rarely see what is promised to them come to fruition and they also only encounter a minute amount of transparency. To many of us it is like the Mexican proverb "De lengua me como un taco".

If this is truly a "critical mineral" it is also critical to allow severely underserved residents time/space to dialogue and not follow previous industry or government patterns where they bring us half a loaf of bread and try to sell it to us as a full loaf of bread.