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Tracy Ceravolo

Subject

Population Projection

Date of Hearing

Tue, 04/18/2023

Comment

Hello esteemed counselors. I am writing about the population projection you are set to discuss tonight.

Two things come to mind when I hear about this topic. First, I think about migration due to our changing

climate. Second, I think about our aquifer.

As our climate changes and becomes one of more extremes, including drought, this area of the country is going to become more desirable because of the Pacific's tempering impact on the weather. Plus, we have a good amount of water which is critical to life as we know it. I am positive that this area of the nation will become more and more appealing for people seeking an area that has an abundance of water. So rest assured, whether we are ready or not, people will come. I think that immigration will put a lot of pressure on our county.

Which leads to my other thought which is really more of a question: What is the state of our aquifer? I have been told that Clark County pulls from pretty much the same aquifer, but I don't know the condition of that aquifer. Is it full? Is it healthy? Another thing I wonder is how quickly is it recharged? I know that in some cases, it take decades or more for the surface water to filter down and fill aquifers. How long does it take rain to filter into our aquifer? It would be incredibly valuable to have access to the health of our local aquifer. I'm bringing this up now because I'm not sure how many people (including our farmers) can be sustained off of our aquifer without running the risk of depleting it.

In summary, I believe that this area can attract as many people as we want to attract, but we must be careful to protect our most precious resource, water. This must be the most important consideration.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,
Tracy Ceravolo

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