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Please see the below comments re: Separate Business Item #2 (contract w/Berk Consulting).

Thank you,  
Rebecca



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Councilors

As I read through the BERK proposal for implementing the FRDU, I am intrigued by the company's commitment to include the public in its process. Of particular interest is their inclusion of prior public input in the form of surveys, public hearings and general public opinion from 2018 onward. As you will recall, Councilors, public opinion was 90% AGAINST the FRDU implementation back in 2018. I suspect that sentiment against this project remains quite close to that 90% mark in 2024.

I am happy to see that this information will be included in BERK's research and presentation to the Council. Further, given that this consultant will also do an economic study regarding the FRDU, I am confident that they will conclude that this project is not a good fit economically for Clark County. The only group this project benefits economically is the mining operation in Chelatchie and the railroad operator, PVJR. And that benefit will come at a huge cost to the people who live around that mine and along the tracks.

I sincerely hope that the Council will realize this FRDU project is not in the best interests of Clark County citizens. It was a bad idea in 2018 and it's a bad idea in 2024. It's time to move on and put the whole FRDU project to rest.

Regards,

Kim O'Hara