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Summary of 20 Volume Knobs for a Post-Growth Future:

1. Cooler to Warmer World - The trend is towards a warmer climate, with 2-3°C above pre-industrial levels likely.
2. Freedom to Constraints - There will be a shift towards more rationing, taxes, regulations, and constraints.
3. Unipolar to Multipolar - The world is moving towards a multipolar geopolitical landscape.
4. Credit vs. Cash - Credit will become harder to access, and cash/upfront payments will become more common.
5. Richer vs. Poorer - On average, there will be wider and deeper poverty, with inequality potentially increasing.
6. Peace vs. Conflict - There will be more local and global conflicts, with less stability.
7. Global vs. Local - Globalization will decrease, and more localized production and distribution will emerge.
8. Unified Goal to Isolated Tribes - People will become more inward-focused and isolated in their tribal groups.
9. Future to Present - The focus will shift from the future to the immediate present.
10. Complex to Simplified - Society will become more simplified, using fewer resources and less energy-intensive institutions.
11. Isolation to Interconnectedness - People will need to be more connected socially, with skills, and to their local community.
12. Money to Real Capital - The focus should shift from money to real capital, such as health, knowledge, skills, and ecological/built capital.
13. Consumption to Regeneration - The emphasis should be on investing in regenerative activities rather than just consumption.
14. Narrow to Wide View - Adopting a wider, systems-based perspective is important.
15. Base Load to Intermittence - Reducing the need for constant stimulation and access to resources.
16. Technology vs. Reality - Recognizing the limitations of technology and prioritizing relationships, nature, and community.

17. Critique to Awe and Wonder - Shifting from constant critique to appreciation and awe for the natural world.
18. Apathy to Goodness - Actively engaging in and promoting pro-social, ethical behavior.
19. Shallow to Deep - Focusing on the profound and meaningful aspects of life rather than trivial comforts.
20. Power to Life - Optimizing for the flourishing of life and ecosystems, rather than just social power and material wealth.

Overarching Policies:

1. Prioritize Sustainable Development: Promote compact, mixed-use development that reduces reliance on fossil fuels and encourages walkable, transit-oriented communities.
2. Protect and Restore Natural Ecosystems: Conserve and enhance urban greenspaces, forests, and other natural habitats to support biodiversity and ecosystem services.
3. Transition to Renewable Energy: Incentivize the adoption of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, and support energy efficiency measures in buildings and transportation.
4. Enhance Local Food Systems: Encourage urban agriculture, community gardens, and support for local food producers to reduce the carbon footprint of the food system.
5. Invest in Public Transit and Active Transportation: Expand and improve public transportation options, as well as pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, to reduce car dependency.
6. Promote Circular Economy Principles: Implement policies and programs that encourage reuse, recycling, and the minimization of waste, moving away from a linear "take-make-waste" model.
7. Empower Community Engagement: Ensure meaningful public participation in the planning process and support community-led initiatives that align with the goals of the Growth Management Act.
8. Foster Equitable Development: Ensure that the benefits and burdens of growth are distributed fairly, with a focus on addressing historical inequities and supporting marginalized communities.
9. Adapt to Climate Change: Incorporate climate change adaptation strategies, such as flood mitigation and urban heat island reduction, to build resilience within the community.
10. Monitor and Evaluate Progress: Establish robust monitoring and evaluation frameworks to track the effectiveness of the Growth Management Act's implementation and make adjustments as needed.