



Assemblymember Natha C. Anderson, Chair
Assemblymember Howard Watts, Chair
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and the
Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

March 23, 2026

Re: EDF Data Center Comments

Dear Chairwoman Anderson & Chairman Watts,

On behalf of Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), working to secure clean, reliable water and energy for all people now and into the future, we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the rapid expansion of large-load data centers in Nevada.

Nevada is rapidly becoming one of the largest data-center markets in the world, especially with the expansion of the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center (TRIC), where [Google, Switch, Apple, Microsoft, Tract, and others](#) are growing at a rapid speed. TRIC alone has transformed the northern Nevada economy and is now the world-**class epicenter of Nevada's data-center** industry, with over 13 million square feet under construction as of 2025. This growth presents clear economic opportunities; however, without thoughtful policy and proper disclosures, **data center expansion risks placing significant strain on Nevada's energy system, water resources, and ratepayers.**

Meeting Energy Demand

Data centers, built to power AI and other computer server operations, are projected to continue **expanding across Nevada and, according to NV Energy's recent [Integrated Resource Plan](#) (IRP)**, are a major driver of projected electricity demand growth. NV Energy projects that it will need roughly [47 percent more energy](#) than it forecast just two years ago to meet the needs of data centers and other large-load customers. As a result of this rapid and unanticipated load growth, Nevada risks falling short of its 2030 [Renewable Portfolio Standard](#) targets (RPS) since its adoption in 1977.

Ranking among the [top states in the nation](#) for solar potential, Nevada is uniquely positioned to meet this increasing energy demand with clean energy. Solar, wind, and battery storage are among the cleanest, cheapest, and fastest-to-deploy resources available today. While Nevada allows large customers to procure or develop their own energy, including renewables, this approach remains voluntary. Without clear standards, this rapid growth risks increasing reliance on utility-built generation and shifting costs onto existing ratepayers. Establishing a **"Bring Your Own Clean Energy" (BYOCE)** policy framework would ensure that new large-load customers directly contribute to new clean energy development, aligning economic growth with

Nevada's RPS targets. Data center development should accelerate, not hinder, the transition to a more clean and reliable energy system.

Transparent Water Usage

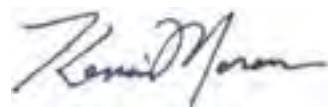
While the energy impacts of data centers are significant, water use is an equally critical concern in Nevada. As one of the driest states in the nation, Nevada must carefully evaluate how large new industrial users will affect long-term water security. Across the state, [groundwater resources continue to face constraints](#) due to competing demands across industrial, agricultural, community, and ecosystem uses. These pressures are exacerbated by rising temperatures and prolonged drought conditions, which reduce snowpack, increase evaporation, and strain both surface and groundwater systems.

Despite these risks, water use by data centers remains largely opaque. Without clear disclosure requirements, developers may be incentivized to site projects in areas with fewer resources or limited capacity for engagement. The lack of required disclosures makes it difficult to capture **the full impact of data centers on Nevada's water supply. Nevada has an opportunity to** ensure data center projects are guided by and designed to meet clear expectations to ensure that new developments contribute to, rather than detract from, long-term water resilience.

EDF appreciates the Committee's leadership on this initial discussion around data centers.

Nevada is at a defining crossroads - the state can continue developing its economic resources and safeguard its water, energy, and people, if development aligns with transparent planning, responsible resource use, and strong regulatory protections.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Moran". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Kevin Moran
Associate Vice President, Regional Affairs
Environmental Defense Fund

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Data Center Concern/Opposition
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 12:11:34 PM

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My name is Hayley J, and I'm here today to encourage the Reno City Council to vote to put in place a 6-month moratorium on Data Centers. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community.

★ You Too, are a part of this community and it also impacts YOU! We live in a desert. Water scarcity is already alarming with the lack of snow we are getting, with these warmer days due to global warming.

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Hello,

My name is Kaitlyn Parrish and I'm writing today to encourage the Reno City Council to vote to put in place a 6-month moratorium on Data Centers. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community. Data Centers use an extraordinary amount of water and energy resources. We don't need more industries that will ultimately hurt our neighborhoods by increasing the costs and availability of these resources.

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Thank you,
Kaitlyn Parrish

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Thank you,

Sandra Parrish

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Subject: Public Comment for 3/25/26 meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:15:26 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to data center development in Nevada. In a state that already has limited sources of freshwater, a 1MW data center can use up to 25.5 million liters of water annually to run its cooling mechanisms. Considering that most of the water that is directly consumed comes from municipal drinking water supplies, data centers will severely impact the accessibility of fresh drinking water and place immense strain on communities. Further, the discharge water after it has cycled through the cooling process often has increased temperature and contaminates, like heavy metals and biocides. This will directly cause health issues amongst people and contaminate water sources.

Data centers do not meet the needs of the community. A Pew Research study found that only 17% of Americans believe AI will have a positive impact on the United States over the next 20 years. Why invest in something that is not in demand by the people, especially considering that other than infrastructure creation, data centers do not create many jobs, employing only 20-100 full time employees after construction.

Lastly, there is no regulation in place in Nevada to prevent the costs of new electricity generation being spread across all ratepayers. I, for one, do not want to absorb the costs associated with powering a data center.

I do not find any of these facts to be compelling enough to move forward with data center infrastructure. Immense water consumption, lack of job creation, and rising energy rates are not going to help Nevadans, these things will harm us and cause people to leave.

Thank you,
Lauren Frick



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Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
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RE: Public comment for the March 25, 2026 meeting

Dear Chair Anderson, Chair Watts, and Members of the Interim Committees on Natural Resources and Growth and Infrastructure:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide public comment for the March 25, 2026 joint meeting of the Nevada Joint Interim Standing Committees on Growth and Infrastructure and Natural Resources. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a non-governmental, science-based conservation organization that works nationally and internationally to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. In Nevada, TNC works to understand the impacts of energy and infrastructure development to our communities and nature and identifies ways to protect and conserve land, water, and communities. We appreciate that the Committees are jointly meeting to hear presentations and discuss the topic of data centers at the March 25 meeting. We offer the following perspective and information for your consideration.

Nevada is the driest state in the Nation. Our limited surface and groundwater supplies are a finite resource. This water supports incredible biodiversity and communities across the state. Water is also essential for economic growth. As we consider the availability of water to support more data centers in Nevada, it is imperative that we ensure there is enough water to sustain communities and ecosystems for the long-term. We must balance our state's economic growth with the water available in our state. If we run out of water, then industries, economic growth, communities, and our ecosystems will all lose.

Increasing demand from new data center proposals are prompting concerns about how additional electricity will be generated and the cost burden to electricity consumers in the State. For example, at a recent stakeholder briefing on NV Energy's 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), the utility noted that the 20-year load forecast for the 2026 IRP "represents a 47 percent increase in annual GWh from the 2024 IRP load forecast, driven primarily by large

customer projects,” (slide 4).¹ In the same presentation, NV Energy noted they anticipate new electricity resources “will add 25% to 30% as much thermal as renewable energy and storage,” and that complying with Nevada’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) “will be challenging for several years due to load growth and policy considerations impacting resource development,” (slide 14). This is happening at a time when communities and the environment are feeling the effects of rising temperatures and increasing aridity in our State.

With the increased interest in data center development, Nevada is at the cusp of significant growth in demand for both water and energy resources. We need to better understand these demands and create safeguards to protect our ecosystems and communities. Specifically:

- It is important to understand the full demand to Nevada’s water resources from data center development and where the water will come from to ensure long-term sustainability of Nevada’s water supplies. For each project, a water study and report should examine the impacts to surface water and groundwater resources, including water availability, water quality impacts, direct and cumulative impacts on the local water system, and the potential for discharges in relation to the capacity of existing water systems, especially if they exceed the systems’ capacity resulting in untreated water entering streams or rivers. Documentation that proves a viable and confirmable water supply should be provided by the project proponent.
- It is not sufficient to encourage low water use for cooling data centers without also considering the water use needed for the electricity source. We need to have an understanding of the consumptive and non-consumptive water usage and the water needed to generate power.
- The impacts to the rights and resources of sovereign Indigenous Nations must be included and considered from the beginning of the project. As an example, the highest data center demand in Nevada is in the Truckee River watershed at the Tahoe Regional Industrial Complex (TRIC). These are the homelands for the Numu people and TRIC is a neighbor to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Data center development along the Truckee River could have significant impacts to Pyramid Lake and the endangered fish that are critical to the economy and way of life for the Numu people. As data centers could have significant impacts on the Truckee River, a consultation structure with the Tribe should guide the development and permitting for existing, planned, and new facilities.
- Data centers should develop monitoring, mitigation and management plans to address impacts to environmental and cultural resources. Plans should include a description of what will be done to stop operations and remedy impacts when triggers are reached.
- A cumulative examination of data center electricity demand and associated energy infrastructure is needed to understand how and where the electricity will be generated and the impact to consumer electricity rates. Safeguards to protect consumer rates from increases as a result of data center demand should be implemented.

¹ NV Energy Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Stakeholder Briefing, January 14, 2026.
https://www.nvenergy.com/publish/content/dam/nvenergy/brochures_arch/cleanenergy/2026-IRP-Stakeholder-Briefing.pdf

- To avoid the development of additional carbon-based electricity resources and ensure that Nevada can meet its RPS mandate, it is imperative that Nevada continue to invest in electricity from renewable development. Renewable energy from solar, wind and geothermal sources can help meet demand quickly, affordably and reliably, but communities still have concerns about building out these energy sources. A new report from The Nature Conservancy—*A State Policy Roadmap to a Faster Clean Energy Buildout*—says it is possible for state policies to meet rising energy demand while balancing constituent concerns, https://www.nature.org/content/dam/tnc/nature/en/documents/s/t/State_Policy_Roadmap_to_a_Faster_Clean_Energy_Buildout_Report_Final.pdf. The report is designed as a guide for elected state officials as they create policies that accelerate renewable energy deployment while maximizing benefits to climate, conservation and communities—what we call the “3Cs.” The report describes eight policy pathways for state legislators to consider along with case study documentation of how each pathway has been implemented in other states. For Nevada, we recommend that legislators consider the following pathways: implement proactive planning and zoning (#3), provide state assistance for local permitting (#5), establish voluntary siting standards and guidelines to avoid and minimize impacts (#6), and mitigating impacts (#8).

We appreciate the attention from committee members for considering ways to balance energy and water demands of data centers with the needs of communities and nature. Please contact external affairs director Jaina Moan at jaina.moan@tnc.org or 702-208-8377 if you have any further questions on our comments.

Sincerely,



Mauricia M.M. Baca
Nevada State Director

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: No More Data Centers!
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 2:05:31 PM

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Hello,

My name is Shannon Lavender and I live 1 block away from the Keystone data center that is currently under construction. I am submitting this comment as a plea to halt the approval, funding, construction, and operation of any more data centers in the state of Nevada.

Data centers do not add any positive effects to our communities, and actively harm us instead. It is estimated that within the next four years, about 2.5 BILLION TONS of CO2 will be released into our atmosphere by data centers. That is over 40% of the total emissions of the United States. Locally, this has extreme health consequences for the environment and the people living within 100 miles of a data center, like myself and my neighbors. Water, light, and noise pollution are extreme major factors for the immediate environment. The energy generation that data centers require produce particulates and nitrogen oxides that are linked to cancers and respiratory conditions for anyone that has to breathe near them or within hundreds of miles of them. This affects all of us.

Living in Nevada is a desert lifestyle. We are taught in elementary school how important it is to save water, shorten our showers, reuse what we can, etc. while these data centers are directly siphoning water from our limited desert sources. Most of the water used for these data centers comes directly from municipal drinking water supplies!! How is that okay?! Data centers discharge water then with increased temperatures and contaminants like biocides, heavy metals, and chemicals that are added to inhibit corrosion. This is released into the Truckee and has effects for everyone living on, near, downstream, and have to drink water in Northern Nevada (all of us).

The approval of further data centers is completely unconscionable, and cannot be a decision made without negatively affecting the survival of current and future Nevadans.

-Shannon Lavender

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: public comment for Joint Interim Standing Committee On Natural Resources & Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 2:59:22 PM

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I am writing as your constituent, a resident of Reno, to express my opposition to the current development of data centers in our state of Nevada.

Data centers are the largest source of expected new electricity demand in our region, with changes and impacts occurring rapidly over the next few years. These centers also consume huge quantities of water, and it is important for these data centers to offer full transparency when it comes to both water and energy use, as well as emissions, and how they cool their servers.

Thank you for your attention to this extremely serious matters

Zoe Bray
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Subject: Public Comment - 3/25/26 Nevada State Legislative Meetings on Data Centers
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 2:47:41 PM

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Hello,

My name is Anneliese Murillo and I'm writing today to encourage the Reno City Council to vote to put in place a 6-month moratorium on Data Centers. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community. Data Centers use an extraordinary amount of water and energy resources. We don't need more industries that will ultimately hurt our neighborhoods by increasing the costs and availability of these resources.

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Thank you,
Anneliese Murillo

From: [Ricardo Rubalcaba-Paredes](#)
To: [Interim Natural Resources](#)
Subject: Written Comment for 3/25/26 Meeting on Data Centers
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 4:51:44 PM

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To whom it may concern, I am writing in opposition of the development of data centers in Nevada. Nevada is a growing hub for data centers as the AI industry continues to rapidly evolve so much so, half of all NSHE institutions have developed tailored programs that train students to identify, troubleshoot and repair HVAC/R systems, including that of data centers. However; data centers require exorbitant amounts of energy and resources and in a state like Nevada, where water is scarce and resources are all too often not allocated to communities, the development of data centers is not sustainable and will have gross consequences on our environment, public health, our economy, and is an example of neocolonialism in practice. It has been estimated that global data center water use could exceed 17 trillion gallons of water globally by 2027 (Mytton, 2021.Jimenez, 2025). Communities in Nevada, such as Storey County – the location where construction of data centers are being proposed – have limited access to water. Is the limited access to water that we have going to be redirected to cool down data centers? Moreover, with water being scarce, will attempts be made to extract water from the Truckee River? We have seen the negative impacts redirecting water has on the environment and on our Indigenous communities. Historically, Kooyee Pa'a Pananaduh's (Pyramid Lake) overflow fed into Winnemucca Lake; however, as water has been diverted, water levels at Pyramid Lake have decreased significantly and Winnemucca Lake is now a drained lake bed. If water were diverted from the Truckee River and used to cool proposed data centers, water levels will decrease again and affect the livelihoods of our Indigenous communities who depend on the Truckee River Watershed for sustenance. You divert water, you kill fish, and you kill the people. Moreover, data centers often “discharge water with increased temperatures and contaminants including biocides, heavy metals, and chemicals added to inhibit corrosion” (Hedge, 2026). How our municipalities, counties, or the state are going to respond to this hazardous waste material which poses further risk to the public and the environment. The state does not need more data centers, we need money to be invested into public health, into our communities. I strongly urge the legislature to oppose and do whatever they can in their genuine capacity to prohibit the development of data centers in Nevada.

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Comment on the Construction of Data Centers in Northern Nevada
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 6:03:11 PM

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My name is Michael Hampton. As a citizen of Reno, and community member within the greater Truckee River Watershed, I am greatly concerned that developing a data center before fully considering the costs and strain on our local resources is a serious mistake.

I am urging all involved to consider the impacts of developing a data center in our region. These impacts will negatively affect water usage and security, consumer energy costs, and our public health. All this at a time when global and regional climate catastrophe is increasing the risks and harms to humanity and the environment. I respectfully believe that the costs and risks of data centers have not been meaningfully evaluated, and need to be seriously considered.

As of writing this comment (3/22/2025), according to the California Department of Water Resources, the snow water equivalent for the central and northern Sierras is between 16% and 38% of normal¹. Additionally, this week has seen near record high temperatures, promising a dry and hot summer in an area already defined by water scarcity. Blindly greenlighting construction of highly water intensive data centers at this time seems extremely shortsighted. Studying how a data center's water demand will impact the region not only now, but well into the future, is an absolute necessity.

According to the MIT Technology Review², data center development in Northwestern Nevada would require an increase in power of 40%. Suddenly increasing the energy demand in Reno will undoubtedly cause increases in consumer prices. This has already occurred in places like Virginia, where large build outs of data centers have increased electricity prices by up to 267%, according to reporting by Bloomberg Technology³. Before beginning developments that could possibly have such negative impacts on our economy, we need a careful review of the costs, benefits, and risks of data centers.

These risks are why I am urging the City Council to re-agendize and approve a 6 month Moratorium on the development and permitting of any data center projects in our region. We need further study to safeguard our community from water scarcity and energy crisis, and more opportunity for the local community to weigh in on this decision. Most importantly, we need strong effort from our leadership to protect the environment, and the economic and physical well being of our community before the profits of big-tech companies. The findings, research, and public opinions given during this meeting need to be carefully and diligently taken into account before approving any data center development projects in Northern Nevada.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sources:

1. <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/snowapp/sweq.action>
2. <https://www.technologyreview.com/2025/05/20/1116287/ai-data-centers-nevada-water-reno-computing-environmental-impact/>
3. <https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2025-ai-data-centers-electricity-prices/>

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Based on interstate sharing, Americans have been lulled into a false sense of security that if there isn't enough water, it will just be diverted from elsewhere.

Water on this planet is a finite resource. If we poison it, we don't get a fresh dose. Water doesn't rain down like meteors from the Milky Way. It's a closed loop. The water we have is the water we've got.

Water is not a resource to gamble with – it's not something to bet on us figuring out a way to clean it after the fact*, or that it just won't be that bad.

Without clean water, we die in 3 days.

*Data centers often discharge water with increased temperature and contaminants, including biocides, heavy metals, and chemicals added to inhibit corrosion (Hegde, 2026).

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Hello Joint Committee Members,

My name is Clark Watkins. I was born and raised in Reno, currently an environmental educator out of state but itching to return, and I am writing in opposition to data center development in Nevada. Nevada is an incredible state with an abundance of incredible nature and natural resources. Data centers take critical water and energy resources away from the human and non human residents with little return. This kind of development would be a threat to the continued beauty and integrity of our state, both nature and human. There is already enough conflict around water in the state, and with the health and abundance of water ways across the west already decreasing it could be devastating to throw another water intensive player in the mix. I want to be able to share this beautiful place with my children and grandchildren, and I want the same for all Nevadans, especially indigenous peoples.

Thank you for your time,
Clark Watkins

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Subject: Data Center Moratorium
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 8:10:22 PM

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My name is Annie Trent and I am reaching out to encourage the Reno City Council to vote to put in place a 6-month moratorium on Data Centers. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community. Data Centers use an extraordinary amount of water and energy resources. We don't need more industries that will ultimately hurt our neighborhoods by increasing the costs and availability of these resources.

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Additionally these data centers will need to have backup power and that is most often diesel, coal, methane or some other type of fossil fuel. We need to ensure that these alternative or backup forms of power are limited and regulated. We need to be going to the opposite direction and not use fossil fuels. All new industries need to have renewable energy incorporated into their business plan if we are serious about making these changes by 2030. That's why I'm requesting the City counsel put a 6-month moratorium in place to allow the community a chance to voice their concerns before any Data Center is allowed to build in our neighborhoods. The moratorium that previously reached City counsel was not meaningfully evaluated or discussed and I encourage council to revisit it now with full consideration and public input.

Do your duty and protect this community.

Thank you,

Annie

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Hello,

My name is Kathryn Olson and I'm a resident from Reno, Nevada. I'm submitting public comment to urge the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure to implement a statewide moratorium on the construction of data centers.

AI technology and the data centers that house them are both a new creation by the wealthiest among us and an unnecessary technology – humans have lived for thousands of years without them. But humans cannot live without water. Data centers consume an astronomical amount of water at a time when we are losing the very small amount of fresh water available to us. Nevada is the driest state in the country and becoming drier due to the worsening impacts of climate change. Rural communities in Nevada are drilling wells deeper into the ground to be able to access their right to water. Water rights are already over-allocated compared to how much water is actually available. Data centers are only exacerbating these already dire conditions for our State, funneling our most precious and irreplaceable resource right into a machine of endless consumption. There will never be enough water for the data centers of the wealthy, and enough water for the survival of the people, plants, and animals of Nevada.

Data centers are also increasing the cost of energy bills, when we are already struggling with the skyrocketing costs of gas, groceries, housing, school, medical.....I could go on! Data centers pay commodity rates for utilities, resulting in the ratepayer offsetting the price of electricity and water. Hyperscale data centers have caused energy price increases for many consumers of up to 267% already. We the people did not ask for AI to be embedded in everything from our personal emails to our public institutions, and yet we're paying the cost literally and environmentally. These data centers provide no benefit to Nevada to offset these costs – the amount of jobs they create are laughable compared to the cost. This is undemocratic and an outrage.

There has never been a more urgent time to prioritize the needs of people and the environment over the demands of the wealthy. Implement a statewide moratorium on new data centers NOW before Nevadans and our environment pay a steep price.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathryn Olson

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Luke Rizzotto, and I am a resident of Reno. I am writing today to voice my opinion on data centers in the state of Nevada.

I understand the desire for development and growth for our state, but I do not find data centers to be a wise investment for our economy nor the communities we live in.

For one, data centers require a large amount of energy and water, resources that every Nevadan understands are at a premium. Allowing data centers to proliferate could exacerbate our energy and water systems, making these necessities needlessly scarce and/or unaffordable. Our cost of living is already quite high as it is; it does not make sense to essentially subsidize this industry at the cost of our ability to live here, both economically and environmentally.

In addition to the resource requirements of data centers and our limited supplies, data centers would directly degrade their surrounding communities and environments. Even in "closed" or "sustainable" systems, the emissions must eventually go somewhere. I do not see a good reason for why this pollution and its effects should end up in the neighborhood streets of our cities nor the pristine nature of our deserts.

It should also be understood that this proliferation is mostly driven by Generative AI and LLM technologies. Even with mountains of funding and marketing, much of the population is skeptical that the current state of these technologies warrants such wide adoption and fundamental changes to our built environment. Many who work in industries affected by AI, myself included, have found its many implementations to be mildly amusing at best, but much more frequently counterproductive and even harmful. Talking with my peers and colleagues, it seems AI is generally unpopular, and that does not seem to be changing any time soon. To me, it does not make sense to threaten our infrastructure and natural resources in favor of an economically and environmentally precarious direction.

To conclude, I simply want to end with this: I love Nevada, and I want what is best for our state. For many reasons, including but by no means limited to those enumerated above, data centers are not good for Nevada.

Best,
Luke Rizzotto

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Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 6:42:05 AM

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My name is Andrew and I'm here today to encourage the Reno City Council to vote to put in place a 6-month moratorium on Data Centers. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community. Data Centers use an extraordinary amount of water and energy resources. We don't need more industries that will ultimately hurt our neighborhoods by increasing the costs and availability of these resources. The city of Reno needs to put protections in place for the community. According to the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate, (IPCC) we have until 2030 in which we must take rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented action to stem catastrophic climate change. These are the words found in the city of Reno's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. How is opening Reno's door to businesses that are water sucking and energy consuming monsters like Data Centers, going to help with the coming catastrophic climate change? We just had the warmest winter on record and a summer-like heatwave in the middle of March.

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We deserve better from you,
Andrew

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Subject: Public comment— Nevada State Legislative Meeting on Data Centers
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Hello, my name is Dayna Genio and I am writing to encourage the Nevada Legislature to vote to put in place a 6 month to indefinite moratorium on data centers. As a lifelong resident of Reno, I am saddened at the rise of data centers in the area. Recently, the construction of a data center has begun in my neighborhood, on Keystone Avenue and 3rd street. Research has shown that data centers require a massive amount of water and energy to operate. They also emit greenhouse gases and noise pollution, and contaminate water supplies, affecting the health and wellbeing of those who live near them.

An urban area like Keystone Avenue could benefit from affordable housing and community resources. Instead, I am seeing my local government further marginalize the area by prioritizing the implementation of a data center that benefits developers while not fulfilling any community needs and actively putting our natural resources and health at risk.

I urge the Nevada legislature to place a moratorium on data center development to protect Nevada residents and preserve our community's health and natural resources. Thank you.

Dayna Genio (she/her)
MSW Graduate Student
University of Nevada, Reno

From: [Hawkeye](#)
To: [Interim Natural Resources](#)
Subject: Data center public comment 9:00am 3/25
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 8:32:35 AM

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Constructing more data centers in Reno, and Nevada generally, will be damaging to our deserts, waterways, and aquifers, as well as being a huge expenditure that does not benefit the people that live here. Data centers pollute waterways by introducing chemicals used in coolant applications into the rivers that we all depend on for life while also evaporating large amounts of water in an already water-scarce environment. The power draw of these data centers will be orders of magnitude higher than the power available (which already powers all of Reno) and so will require power plant construction with the explicit purpose of powering a data center campus, which does not benefit Reno in any way. They do not give people jobs, they do not feed back into our communities, and most of the money generated by a data centers output flows out of the state and into corporate bank accounts elsewhere. Building data centers harms Nevada and Nevadans and should be actively avoided and legally (and socially) prohibited as an option for our shared futures.

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I am writing to submit my public comment as a lifelong Reno, NV resident to the Data Centers meeting taking place on March 25, 2026.

As I write, I am lucky enough to be sitting across from a creek. There are many fish facing upstream in the shallow waters and every once in awhile their fins peek out from below the surface or they leap from the water as they change positions. I can't help but wonder the fate of such a beautiful natural setting when we begin to consider allowing AI Data Centers access to our communities precious natural resources. The creek is already quite shallow, how quickly can an AI search engine gulp these waters away? Can you imagine if the paragraph I just wrote cost me an entire bottle of water? (<https://www.eesi.org/articles/view/data-centers-and-water-consumption>)

I've lived in Northern Nevada all my life, I know water is precious here. To our wildlife, to our agriculture, to those of us humans who call this place home. I've seen years where conservation efforts had to be put into to place because there simply wasn't enough to go around. Our communities, our cities, we need to be thinking sustainably about our resident's and future generations. We are not immune to climate changes, Reno is currently the fastest warming city in the United States, and that is a title we do not want. (<https://www.climatecentral.org/climate-matters/earth-day-fastest-warming-us-cities-and-states>) It means our residents, our environment, our agriculture is going to be thirstier than ever. Our homes and business will need to use more air conditioning, exacerbating fossil fuel usage. Adding Data Center water usage and fossil fuel usage on top of that is a disastrous consideration.

As a community member, I'm requesting the Nevada State Legislature put a 6-month moratorium in place to allow the community a chance to voice their concerns before any Data Center is allowed to build in our neighborhoods.

Please do your duty and protect our communities, our environment & wildlife, our agriculture, our home.

Thank you,

Kristine

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Good morning, thank you for the opportunity to speak on data centers in Nevada.

My name is Rachel Henderson, I'm a first generation Nevadan, a second generation entrepreneur and business owner in Nevada and a mother, raising my son in the land I grew up on.

As such, I will fight for the health and well being of the land and the people here, and here is your opportunity to do so.

I don't need to tell you we have precious few resources here, and Reno is growing exponentially as more people discover what a truly remarkable place to live this is.

I have read that according to the World Economic forum for 2024 1MW data center can use up to 25.5 million litres of water annually just for cooling. That's the same as the daily water consumption of over 300,000 people. Most of the water directly consumed comes from drinking water supplies.

I have also read that Data centers discharge water with increased contaminants including biocides, heavy metals, and chemicals added to inhibit corrosion (Hegde, 2026)

My son and I drink that water. It is our birthright. I have worked on farms in Nevada who grow food with that water, and I grow food with that water.

Data centers often emit up to 96 decibels of noise similar to a motorcycle or jackhammer running 24/7 (Tozzi, 2025)

Noise pollution is as harmful as chemical or trash pollution and can cause anxiety issues, cognitive issues and cardiovascular issues to the people and wildlife of the surrounding area.

It is not always customary for our government to consider the health and well being of humanity and the planet over the promise (real or imagined) of money, but we are running out of time to make it right. Misallocating Nevada's precious little resources will cause instability in our communities.

Do you want to be responsible for protecting the health and well being of the

community you serve? Do not betray your conscience by turning Nevada into an unliveable corporate wasteland of chemicals and noise. We are watching, and we will remember.

Thank you

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Hello,

I'm writing to urge all members of the Nevada Legislature to stop the construction of data centers in Nevada. I want to keep the water I drink, swim in, and pay for clean and plentiful.

Environmental Impact

- A 1 MW data center can use up to 25.5 million liters of water. That is the same amount of water consumed by 300,000 or a little more than the entire population of Reno.
- Even with a closed loop cooling system it still creates a massive spike in energy usage along with an increase in emissions.

Health Impact

From: [Linda Miller](#)
To: [Interim Natural Resources](#)
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Public Comment respectfully submitted

To: The Nevada State Legislature

Re: Data Centers, existing and future new development

As a concerned homeowner and engaged community stakeholder, I submit this testimony to urge the Nevada State Legislature to take a clear, disciplined, and proactive approach to data center development. This is not a routine land use issue—it is a defining economic and infrastructure policy moment for the State.

Data centers are part of an industry of unprecedented scale and capital concentration—arguably the wealthiest industry ever known to mankind. Yet despite their vast resources, these developers are fundamentally dependent on access to Nevada’s land, water, energy systems, tax structure, and regulatory approvals. Put plainly: they need Nevada more than Nevada needs them. That reality must guide policymaking.

Nevada is not obligated to compete by offering concessions that undermine its long-term fiscal health, strain its natural resources, or shift costs onto existing residents and businesses. Instead, the State has both the leverage and the responsibility to set firm expectations. By acting now, Nevada can establish itself as a national leader in responsible data center policy—grounded in transparency, full cost accountability, and measurable public benefit.

Other states are already experiencing the consequences of rapid, uncoordinated data center growth: strained electrical grids, increased water demand in constrained basins, opaque subsidy structures, and rising costs borne by ratepayers and taxpayers. Nevada has a narrow window to learn from these outcomes and act decisively.

The policy choices made now will determine whether this industry contributes to Nevada’s long-term prosperity—or extracts value while leaving lasting burdens on infrastructure, communities, and public

resources. A fragmented or reactive approach will invite imbalance; a clear, statewide framework will ensure consistency, fairness, and sustainability.

The following recommendations are offered to support a rigorous comprehensive policy structure that protects Nevada's interests while allowing responsible, well-aligned development to proceed.

Establish a Regional Planning Framework

- Coordinate data center siting and development across jurisdictions to reflect regional impacts on energy, water, land use, and infrastructure.
- Avoid fragmented decision-making that shifts burdens between communities.

Eliminate Tax Incentives and Abatements

- Discontinue all tax breaks, abatements, and preferential financial incentives for data center development.
- Ensure developments proceed based on true market viability—not subsidization by taxpayers.

Ensure Comprehensive Tax Collection for Nevada's Benefit

- Require that all applicable taxes are collected at every level—state, county, and local—to ensure Nevada fully benefits from data center development.
- Eliminate loopholes that allow revenue leakage or tax avoidance through out-of-state entities, procurement structures, or special arrangements.
- Maintain transparent reporting of tax contributions tied to each project.

Full Cost Responsibility for Developers

- Require data center developers to fund 100% of infrastructure and capital costs, including but not limited to:
 - Energy generation, transmission, and grid upgrades
 - Water sourcing, delivery, and wastewater systems
 - Roads, transportation access, and public safety services
- Prohibit cost-shifting to ratepayers, taxpayers, or existing residents and businesses.

No Cost Pass-Throughs to the Public

- Enact safeguards to ensure utilities and municipalities do not distribute data center–related costs across general customer bases.
- Protect existing users from increased rates or degraded service reliability.

Mandatory Transparency – Eliminate NDAs

- Prohibit the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in all public-facing aspects of data center negotiations, approvals, and operations.
- Require full public disclosure of:
 - Development agreements
 - Incentive structures (if any remain)
 - Resource usage (energy, water)
 - Infrastructure commitments and impacts
- Ensure decisions are made in an open, accountable process.

Energy Accountability and Grid Protection

- Require demonstrated alignment with grid capacity and long-term energy planning prior to approval.
- Prioritize reliability and resilience for existing customers over new large-load users.
- Encourage on-site generation and renewable integration without burdening the grid. Require future retrofits as innovation advances.

Water Use Governance in an Arid State

- Mandate rigorous, basin-level water impact analysis.
- Require use of best-available, water-efficient cooling technologies. Require future retrofits as innovation advances.
- Ensure no adverse impact on existing water rights holders or regional sustainability goals.

Land Use Compatibility and Community Impact

- Require conformance with local and regional land use plans.
- Establish buffering, design, and siting standards to protect community character.
- Incorporate meaningful public engagement in all approval processes.

Economic Development with Measurable Public Benefit

- Tie any approvals to clear, enforceable community benefits and performance metrics.
- Evaluate long-term return on investment relative to resource consumption and infrastructure demands.

Standardized Statewide Guidelines

- Develop consistent criteria and thresholds for evaluating data center proposals.
- Provide clarity to industry while safeguarding public interests.

Workforce, Procurement, and Local Economic Participation Requirements

Out-of-State Contractor Regulation

- Require all out-of-state contractors, subcontractors, and vendors to register in Nevada and comply with all state and local regulations.
- Mandate payment of applicable state and local taxes, licensing fees, and compliance with Nevada labor standards.

Labor Standards and Union Participation

- Require contractors and workers to contribute to local union programs, including payment of applicable union fees where relevant.
- Encourage or require use of local labor and apprenticeship programs to maximize in-state workforce participation.

PACT (Project/Community Impact) Assessment Requirement

- Require a formal PACT assessment evaluating economic, labor, infrastructure, and community impacts prior to project approval.
- Include measurable commitments tied to local hiring, wages, and long-term community benefit.

Local Procurement and Supply Chain Participation

- Incentivize or require use of Nevada-based suppliers for materials, equipment, and services wherever feasible.
- Track and report percentage of local vs. out-of-state procurement.

Investment in Workforce Development

- Require direct investment in Nevada trade schools, community colleges, and career technical education (CTE) programs.
- Establish pipelines for high-demand trades (electrical, mechanical, HVAC, data infrastructure).

Career Pathways and Apprenticeships

- Create structured career-track programs tied to data center construction and operations.
- Support apprenticeships and long-term employment opportunities for Nevada residents.

Community Philanthropic Investment

- Require ongoing, meaningful philanthropic contributions to local communities, including education, workforce development, and community resilience initiatives.
- Establish transparent reporting on community investment commitments and outcomes.

Align with Emerging National Best Practices

- Recognize that Nevada has a timely opportunity to establish forward-looking policies informed by best practices emerging across the United States.
- Incorporate lessons learned from other states related to grid strain, water usage, tax policy, and community impacts.
- Position Nevada as a national leader in responsible, transparent, and sustainable data center development.

Long-Term Strategic Positioning

- Ensure Nevada remains competitive while prioritizing sustainability, fiscal responsibility, and quality of life.
- Act proactively to manage growth rather than reactively responding to project-by-project pressures.

Conclusion

A regional, transparent, and fiscally responsible framework—grounded in full cost accountability, comprehensive tax collection, workforce equity, and community investment—will ensure that data center development in Nevada delivers meaningful, lasting benefits to the State and its residents without imposing hidden costs or long-term burdens.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment (3/25): Joint Meeting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:08:46 AM

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My name is Drew Willis, and I'm writing to encourage the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure to place a six-month moratorium on data centers. Data centers harm the health of both the local human population and non-human environment, and the economic impacts of these centers adversely affect residents and ratepayers, socializing the cost of data center construction and operation while privatizing the profits. Furthermore, the long term profitability of data centers and their attendant use-cases is, itself, suspect. The potential for long-term harm is too great and the potential gains too dubious to greenlight these centers without transparent impact evaluation and direct input from the community.

We're coming out of a dismal, basically non-existent winter. The World Economic Forum claims that data centers can use up to 25.5 million liters of water annually for cooling alone. Nevadans need to know how you plan to protect water access amid this combination of record-low snowpack and novel, massive demands for water in data centers.

A Harvard study from 2025, "Extracting Profits from the Public: How Utility Ratepayers Are Paying for Big Tech's Power," found that so-called "Big Tech" companies force ratepayers to fund discounted rates for data centers. According to the study the same "rate structures that have socialized the costs of reliable power delivery are now forcing the public to pay for infrastructure designed to supply a handful of exceedingly wealthy corporations." Your duty is to protect the people of this state, not the speculative profits of corporations. The people must have direct input on potential data center construction.

Thank you for your time,

Drew Willis

From: [Tyler Maynard](#)
To: [Interim Natural Resources](#)
Subject: Public comment
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:18:06 AM

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I'm emailing in to the joint meeting on natural resources and growth and infrastructure to talk about the impact of data centers on our communities.

In Washoe county we rely on the Great Basin watershed which in the past few years has been experiencing a shortening of spring and summer runoffs from global warming and a shortening of our winters. With that in mind we have been seeing a huge surge of mega corporations creating the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center that uses the Great Basin watershed to cool and power their data centers. A lot of the specific environmental impact, water usage, and energy consumption of these centers is unknown because corporations treat these things as classified information. What we do know is that in 2023; water usage from data centers used a total of 17.4 billion gallons of water whereas an average American household uses about 300 gallons per day, or 110,000 gallons per year. We also know that Nevada is the driest state in the nation and is only getting drier as global temperatures are rising and more and more of our water is appropriated to these data centers. The biggest threat of these data centers is the impact on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, who has fought tooth and nail to obtain senior water rights of the truckee river. They have always advocated and fought for water conservation and protecting native fish species and the Truckee river and pyramid lake as a life sustaining resource. Use of this water is a dismissal of the Paiute Tribe's sovereignty and rightful ownership of its native land and a guaranteed path to exploitation and destruction of natural resources and ecosystems.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Oppose Data Centers
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:18:50 AM

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Hello,

I am writing today to oppose any more data centers in the Reno area or in Nevada at all. Data centers use large amounts of energy and water. As the driest state in the union we do not have the water resources to accommodate the quantity of water required for data centers. Nevadans have spent years working to improve water conservation and data centers would immediately undo all that hard work. Additionally, data centers do not provide great economic benefit. There is some boost during construction but the day-to-day employment is low.

The companies do not have the best interest of Nevadans in mind. Please put a moratorium on data centers in Nevada.

Thank you for your time.

Nicholas Rhea
Reno resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Opposition to Data Centers
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:47:21 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this body to express my strongest opposition as a constituent to continued data center development. First and foremost, their development has gone forward without proper Indigenous consent. It is being carried out on lands that the Indigenous people never ceded. Their sovereignty was stolen by force and that disregard for Indigenous sovereignty is the basis of every form of "development" on these lands.

Data centers represent the newest phase in settler colonial violence against people, animals, plants, and land. They continue the theft of resources and land for profit by wealthy people with no interest in our health or well-being. Data centers are being used for mass surveillance that compromises everyone's privacy and enables a dystopian police state for Palestinians living in their own country. It is also being used to fuel the generative AI bubble that is causing innumerable problems from disinformation to displacement of the workforce to waste of water. "Investing" in this bubble for short-term economic gain at the expense of our long-term survival is beyond irresponsible.

Khazikani

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment: Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and JISC on Growth and Infrastructure
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 10:40:39 AM

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Thank you to the committee and chairs for the opportunity to provide public comment.

I'm writing as a lifelong Nevada resident in a personal capacity.
It's clear that freshwater resources are already over-allocated in Nevada.

Unchecked data center development and short-term economic benefits won't matter if residents will struggle with water rationing and rising energy costs due to data center operations in future.

I'm calling on our legislators to:

1. Place a moratorium on data center installations until full environmental impact studies are completed.
2. Create strict conservation regulations and potentially ban future data center installations based on environmental study findings.
2. Freeze tax abatements for data center developers who will place significant stress on our state's limited water resources.
3. Direct the PUCN to implement higher energy rates for data centers and not pass costs for grid impacts onto everyday Nevadans.
4. Require zero-emissions renewable energy sources for data center installations.

Thank you,
Rosalie Miletich

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Public Comment: Joint Meeting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:30:45 PM

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Hello,

My name is Amanda Mulholland and I'm sending this email today to encourage the Legislature to thoroughly investigate the impacts and put stringent controls on the construction of Data Centers in Nevada. There is no reason to rush these projects without careful consideration of the impacts to our community. Data Centers use an extraordinary amount of water and energy resources. We don't need to be investing in industries that will ultimately hurt our neighborhoods by increasing the costs and availability of these resources. Nevada needs to put protections in place for community members who breathe the air, and drink the water surrounding these data centers as well as pay for the energy they share with these facilities. According to the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate, (IPCC) we have until 2030 in which we must take rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented action to stem catastrophic climate change. How is opening Nevada's door to businesses that are water sucking and energy consuming intensive like Data Centers, going to help with reducing the impacts of climate change? We just had the warmest and driest winter on record and a summer-like heatwave in the middle of March.

Additionally these data centers will need to have backup power and that is most often diesel, coal, methane or some other type of fossil fuel. We need to ensure that these alternative or backup forms of power are limited and regulated. All new industries need to have renewable energy incorporated into their business plan if we are serious about making these changes by 2030.

I see how Lake Tahoe is being turned away by NV Energy due to the current strain our energy grid is already facing. With energy production being attacked here in Nevada, through the cancellation of solar facility contracts by the federal government, how are we supposed to be able to supply these facilities with the energy they need. I am entering my thirties, I should be focusing on having a family, instead I am worried about my energy rates increasing, my water supply decreasing, and my city becoming more polluted. I have seen the way that these data centers have impacted other cities, and fear for my fellow citizens health and financial well-being should no restrictions be put in place.

That's why I'm requesting Nevada put in a data center construction moratorium in place to allow for thorough research to be done and protections put in place before any Data Center is allowed to build in our neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Amanda Mulholland
Zip Code 89521

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Opposed to data centers in Nevada
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:55:32 PM

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Data centers consume a greater amount of resources than they are useful for.

Data centers consume large amounts of water that should go to the community. People cannot live without clean, drinkable water.

Data centers release harmful chemicals into local water supplies, again, humans cannot live without clean, drinkable water.

Data centers use more electricity than the community can support and cause local residents to pay exorbitant fees for the small amount of electricity they used compared to the electrical pig that data centers are.

Billionaires should not be rewarded for their relentless greed and destruction of local communities for their personal benefit.

Data centers are not welcome in Nevada.

Signed,

Jenifer Anderson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Data centers
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 3:23:25 PM

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Please say no to any and all attempts to allow data centers that require water for cooling in nv. Once aquifers are drained we are, for lack of better emphatic phrasing, Shit out of luck. We all rely on the scant water resources we currently use in nv and the Colorado River basin is drying up. We cannot afford the water needs or environmental impacts or human health impacts of data centers in nv.

Best

Jamie stetson.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 3/25 Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 5:44:12 PM

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Good afternoon members of the Nevada State Legislature,

My name is Alex Batter and I have been a resident of the Reno/Sparks area my entire life. Recently, certain developments in the area combined with a weak, undemocratic city council have made it unlivable. For over a year, we have gone through every imaginable route to show Reno City Council how much we, the people of Nevada, do NOT want data centers in our state. They provide little value to our economy, with some companies receiving a 75% tax deduction to incentivize building a data center. Additionally, our water resources cannot support the construction of new data centers. The average data center uses 110 million gallons of water annually to cool its systems. Just to remind everyone, the Truckee River flows through a **desert** - building data centers in an already dry climate is not only stupid, it's ethically bankrupt and environmentally catastrophic. With the daily temperatures being over 70 degrees in mid-March, it should go without saying that data centers should be the last priority for everyone involved.

I cannot stress this enough - we are **TIRED** of having our demands ignored. The City of Reno has acted as an entity above the law and above the will of its citizens. We appeal to the Nevada State Legislature to help stop the spread of harmful and environmentally disastrous development projects in Northern Nevada. We elected you to *represent* us, not to tell us what you *think* is best for us. Nevada doesn't need data centers - data centers need Nevada's resources and we will not hand them over willingly to spineless corporations and unfeeling politicians. We need a moratorium on data centers and a better, refined plan for how to protect Nevada and its residents, not sell us out to the highest bidder.

Thank you and I hope to see a resolution that benefits Nevadans, not shareholders.

Alex Batter
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to unregulated Data Center building in NV
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026 10:14:06 PM

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To whom it may concern -

I am a resident of outlying Spanish springs area which has already experienced immense unregulated/poorly designed growth over the past decade.

After reading about how citizens in Virginia, one of the biggest epicenters for data farms in the world, have been negatively effected, I am writing to strongly urge our local government and resources protection agencies to work swiftly to prevent unregulated and unconscionable data center building in NV.

Yes, we have a lot of open land. But that land is in the driest state in the country. We do not have water to spare for data. Especially if the goal is to encourage the population to also grow. The NV water supply simply cannot handle it. Certainly, not at the rate that tech overlords are demanding.

That open space is also silent space. It is special because it feels remote, feels quiet, feels peaceful. Placing extremely loud data centers in our region is disruptive not just to people but to nature.

Data centers also lower the value of people's properties should the live near by. They take water, energy and other resources and leave behind nothing but a constant buzzing and a visual negative impact for their surrounding neighbors.

Please fight for NV and its precious resources. Please do not sell it out for a mere millions in revenue when tech billionaires stand to extract far more from us.

Stand up for NV.

Thank you,

Catherine Van Dyke
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