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I read through your proposed resolution and there is a lot of woke language in it. Pima County allowed developers to buy up farmland here in Marana so they could build thousands of cookie cutter homes on postage stamp-sized lots requiring deep high-impact wells over the last few years and now you are wanting to protect water resources? I don't see these ugly overcrowded developments being stopped but I do see farmers quitting. So, the goal of taking the land and water from the farmers that grow cotton, wheat, and other essential crops are forced out and their water rights continually reduced year after year is to allow more and more housing development to become the priority here in Pima County.

The drafted resolution contains language specific to climate change, prolonged drought, evaluating social equity, environmental issues, etc. What is missing in this resolution is any mention of the decades of ambitious infrastructure constructed across multiple states that depend on the Colorado river, including Arizona, that has been a contributing factor to the water deficit.

Is the next lockdown in Arizona going to be a climate lockdown? Where is the proof of climate change? Where does "social equity" come into play with protection of water resources? It sounds more like a pretext for more top-down, centralized control by bureaucrats where, instead of everyone having sufficient amounts of water, we will end up instead being equal through our uniform lack of access to water?

Vote NO on this resolution. Instead, stop building more and more housing development. Protect the farmers that need water to grow crops. Wake up and realize, **NO FARMS = NO FOOD.**

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Please add my comments into official records.

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I commend Ms. Jan Leshar, the County Administrator, for recommending that the Supervisors finally approve a resolution to protect our water resources. I heard this resolution will allow the County Administrator to propose strategies that maintain water availability. It should have been done years ago. Do we get to read this resolution?

Decades of competing interests by Arizona, California and Nevada that depend on the Colorado river, have been a contributing to the water scarcity and due to their policies and management. For example, California lets the Colorado River run into the ocean because of a tiny fish that might be in danger of distinction. What about the people?

You allowed overbuilding of housing in certain areas despite the concern that the City of Tucson is sinking so many inches per year due to depleting water levels. Occasionally, the Board of Supervisors or the City Council appear to be concerned. However, you do not always make sound decisions to alleviate the problem. Have you ordered an environmental assessment prior to approval of these housing projects? Our water rates are going up. Are we paying for this growth?

Another example, you brought the American Battery Factory to Tucson to bring employment to the area. That would be great if we were not experiencing a drought. Have you researched the environmental toll it takes to manufacture one car battery? At least 600 gallons of water are needed to produce one car battery.

That wastewater cannot be re-used due to toxicity of the heavy metals in the battery. Where does this water go?

Into our aquifers? I thought you were concerned about the environment.

I am concerned that Pima County will follow the crazy woke climate policies that make so sense in the real world.

Forcing a Green New Deal without knowing the actual Science is detrimental to our lives and health. Please become more informed and do more due diligence prior to any deal making.

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