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I have been following the issues with the limited resources available. I am very concerned about the issue of water access for agricultural operations and ranching.

I would like to provide the following comment:

Noone seems to be looking at the water allocations for cities. Cities have access to water that far exceeds the needs of the citizens living in the communities. Cities have been selling water to industrial developments such as wind and solar developments. It appears that there is no oversight regarding the use of water allocated to cities for their citizens. Water is a limited resource which is impacting agriculture as well as fish and ground water reserves. If the Water Resources Department is serious about addressing the depleting of this resource, you need to look at the amount of water being allocated to cities and what it is being used for. Cities should not be allowed to unilaterally decide that a developer should be given priority status for access to water with no oversight regarding who is getting access to amounts that on paper appear to be going to citizens of a city

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