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Regarding Riverviews expansion I feel they definitely need an EIS or outright denial. My main concern is healthy aquifers for many generations to come, by not over pumping or polluting with high nitrates. We need to look at aquifers as the miracle they are, we can draw water from the ground and it is drinkable and life-sustaining. When an aquifer is over pumped it leads to poor water quality and the possibility of collapse, then it loses storage capacity permanently. If the aquifer is compromised it affects way more people than can be quantified, possibly forever.

I am all for science and research, but there comes a time when you need to put on your common sense hat and look at the massive water usage this operation would have. Anytime you compare the water usage of one operation to an entire city it tells you this cannot be allowed.

What we need in this state is an animal unit cap, because anytime you leave it up to businesses, like Riverview, they push for absolute crazy amounts. Anytime you put the making of money ahead of the environment it is not a good thing.

I hope that people can see a trend here, that Riverview is never happy with their current size, they always want more.