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I'm strongly opposed to construction of data center and data center-related projects here in New Mexico. For one, the promises of benefits that it might bring are not credible - where and how are these job numbers coming from? Beyond initial construction, how many long term jobs would it really sustain? Secondly, the amount of resources (water, electricity, public infrastructure and support) these projects demand would exceed what we can support and harm the public overall. We are already seeing record low water flow in our rivers and sustained heatwaves making utilities expensive for the average citizen. Finally, other towns which have had data centers built nearby have encountered issues such as noise and light pollution (in addition to the above-mentioned utilities), so how would this be any different for us? This construction would only be a significant net negative to all residents.