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To: Regional Housing
Subject: Questions/comments for RHNA study

Dear SCAG,

I recently became aware of the opportunity to submit comments or questions for the upcoming RHNA study.

My understanding is that the current RHNA number for the six southern CA counties is 1.34 million, and that the algorithm for calculating this number was flawed.

Besides the obvious questions about overbuilding in relation to fire codes, parking, sewer capacity, electrical grid capacity, and the unmeasurable hit on quality of life, I have one resounding question:

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE WATER???

Why is no one addressing this elephant in the room? Where does the buck stop?? With the governor, who seems oblivious to the fact that, according to John Entsminger, General Manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, speaking to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources last month:

"We are 150 feet from 25 million Americans losing access to the Colorado River, and the rate of decline is accelerating." Entsminger was referring to the remaining serviceable water depth of Lake Mead which serves Arizona, California, and Nevada. Lake Mead's volume is now at a mere 36% of its full capacity, and its water level has dropped 143 feet since 2000."

Continuing to plan for this absurd number of units in Southern California is turning a purposeful blind eye to the impending catastrophe that will result, unless we get an overabundance of rainfall over the next 10 years. Who is betting on monsoons?? Who is responsible for this reckless decision? Whose responsibility is it to push back? Do committee members not live here as well?

Are those responsible for this decision aware of recent articles like these?

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/letter-from-the-southwest/the-water-wars-come-to-the-suburbs>



The Water Wars Come to the Suburbs | The New Yorker

The Foothills is a twenty-square-mile community of some two thousand houses and horse farms in Rio Verde. It's unincorporated, so homeowners don't pay city taxes, or receive city services ...

www.newyorker.com

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/03/climate/lake-powell-mead-water-drought.html?smid=tw-share>



Colorado River Reservoirs Are So Low, Government Will Delay Releases - The New York Times - The New York Times - Breaking News, US News, World News and Videos

The decision will keep more water in Lake Powell on the Arizona-Utah border, instead of releasing it downstream to Lake Mead. Both reservoirs are at their lowest points.

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How can you, with any conscience, continue supporting these foolhardy numbers that sooner doom us to a guaranteed water shortage?

Besides our impending water catastrophe, has the state even proven that the solar panel requirement for new buildings covers their pull from the electrical grid? In the meantime, SoCal lives under the threat of rotating power outages.

At the current rate of mismanagement, the state need not worry about building additional housing because smart people are selling and fleeing California in droves.

Distraught over the short-sightedness,

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