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Comments/Questions: Comments on City/County regional water plan

The plan needs specific definitions for "smart growth" and "sustainability."

Sustainable Urban Forms

For the goal of "Lower water consumption per household" be sure than implementation is confined to voluntary methods with positive incentives rather than punitive command and control regulations.

Any positive effect of lowering greenhouse gas emissions is not supported by empirical scientific evidence, so should not be part of the plan.

Downzoning may cause liability to county taxpayers.

Riparian preservation.

The City/County must also preserve property rights regarding private wells, or be prepared to pay for any decrease in property value.

The City/County must also make sure than riparian preservation does not diminish water availability to residential users. Put people first.

The City/County must also be cognizant of other uses for riparian areas such as the mining of sand and gravel to maintain and expand our infrastructure.

Do exploration drilling and studies to explore possible resources below the currently used groundwater reserves.