Imperial County Data Center Advisory Committee

Documentation packet before the first public meeting

1 -- Comment period. 2 -- Publish every comment. 3 -- Facts in their own newspaper section, not mixed with opinion.

Working draft for Chair Peggy Price, Clerk of the Board, committee members, and The Desert Review. Prepared from Board actions of June 16 and July 14, 2026, and from the August 13, 2026 working discussion on process. This packet is process and public record. It is not a vote, not an ordinance, and not a position on any one project.

Hard rule for the first public meeting: Do not hold it until (1) the 45-day comment window has closed, (2) every comment is in the newspaper packet, and (3) the facts section has already been in people's hands. Meeting one works off a published record. It does not create the record in the room.

How to use this packet

Do the three jobs in order. Each job has an A-B-C.

Order	Job	What "done" looks like
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1	Open and run a 45-day public comment period	Signed notice, five questions, comment form, English and Spanish, clock started on a published date
2	Publish every comment in a newspaper document and put that document in people's hands	Unedited comment dump (with a narrow redaction rule), numbered, dated, distributed countywide
3	Print a full fact set in that same newspaper, walled off from opinion	Facts with sources on the left/front; comments and proposals in their own section; no mixing

Private conversation from Carl's Jr. does not go in the newspaper as county fact. Ryan Kelley's guidelines go in as a working draft for comment, labeled as not adopted. Litigation stays in one factual sentence with a source. The committee does not try the Rucci case in print.

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1. The comment period

Modeled on a Bureau of Reclamation-style window: a fixed number of days, a public address for submissions, a promise that every comment is kept and later published, and no staff "answer" during the window that would pick winners.

1-A. What it is, and what it is not

It is

- A 45-calendar-day written comment period on countywide rules for data centers in unincorporated Imperial County.
- A way to build a public record the advisory committee can use before it recommends anything to the Board.
- Open to residents, cities, growers, labor, business, IID (if they choose), and anyone else who files on time.

It is not

- The June 16 45-day moratorium. That freeze already ran and was extended on July 14, 2026, through June 2027. Never call this window a "45-day freeze." The two clocks are different.
- A vote. A comment is not a ballot.
- A hearing on one project. The notice must say countywide standards, not Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing, not Aten and Clark.
- A substitute for Brown Act comment at later committee meetings. Those still happen.

Dates to fill in before the notice goes out

Field	Value
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Open date	[Clerk fills: 12:01 a.m. Pacific, date]
Close date	[Open date + 45 calendar days, 5:00 p.m. Pacific]
First public committee meeting	After close date, plus time to typeset and distribute the newspaper packet (plan 10-14 days)
Committee report due to the Board	January 1, 2027
Moratorium on approvals	Through June 2027

Work backward from January 1, 2027. A 45-day window plus two weeks to print comments plus meeting time is tight. Open the window as soon as Peggy and the Clerk can post the notice.

1-B. Documents that must exist before the window opens

Nothing opens until these seven pieces are signed off. If one is missing, wait.

A. One-page official notice (English and Spanish)

Must contain, in plain language:

1. Who is asking: Imperial County Board of Supervisors, through the Data Center Advisory Committee.
2. What is asked: written comment on future land use, zoning, and related standards for data centers in unincorporated Imperial County.
3. What the committee is: advisory only. The Board makes the final policy.
4. Open date, close date, clock (45 calendar days), and that late filings are marked late and listed separately.
5. How to submit: email, mail, and drop-off at the Clerk of the Board, 940 West Main Street, Suite 209, El Centro, CA 92243. Phone: 442-265-1020. Email: cynthiamedina@co.imperial.ca.us.
6. The five questions (see 1-C). Comments may also address anything else in the working draft.
7. The promise: every timely comment will be published in a newspaper packet and posted with the Clerk. Names of individuals will be printed unless the commenter asks in writing to use initials only. No anonymous comments (a name and city or ZIP is required).
8. What this is not: not a project hearing; not a change to the moratorium; not adopted ordinance.

B. Comment form

One page, English and Spanish. Fields:

- Name
- City or unincorporated community, and ZIP
- Role (resident, grower, city official, business, labor, other -- checkboxes)
- Which of the five questions you are answering (check all that apply)
- Comment (attach extra pages)

- Optional: "Print my initials only"
- Signature and date
- Statement: "I understand this comment will be published."

Accept letters that are not on the form if they have a name, place, date, and readable text.

C. Five questions (print these on the notice and the form)

These are the only questions the county is asking. They do not lock a setback number or a design style.

1. Where. Should data centers be allowed only in industrial zones, only in adopted Specific Plan areas, in both, or in other mapped districts? If other, name them.
2. By-right / CEQA. Should by-right approval for data centers be removed so projects go through CEQA review, except inside an adopted Specific Plan?
3. Setback. What setback from residences, schools, and public assembly is enough, and how should it be measured (property line to property line, or to the building)? State a distance if you have one.
4. Prove and pay. What must a developer prove and pay for before site work: power, water (the building and, if you want, the power plant), traffic, on-site substations, noise?
5. Size. What size and electrical load should the county plan for, given public statements about IID large-load limits? If you have a megawatt number, state it and why.

D. Working draft of possible standards (labeled, not adopted)

Attach the six-chapter rewrite of the Kelley/Hamby guidelines as Appendix A -- Working draft for comment. Not county policy.

Do not call it an ordinance. Do not call it the committee's recommendation. It is a list of proposed rules so people have something concrete to answer.

E. Fact sheet (Section 3 of this packet)

The same facts that will run in the newspaper must be in the Clerk's posting on day one of the comment period. People should not have to wait 45 days to learn what the Board already did.

F. Clerk protocol (one page, internal)

- Stamp every filing with date and time received.
- Number them C-001, C-002, ...
- Keep the original. Scan a PDF.
- Log: number, name, city, date, questions checked, page count, English/Spanish.
- No replies that argue the merits during the window. A one-line "received, your number is C-0XX" is allowed.
- Late filings get L-001 and are published in a "late" appendix, not mixed with timely comments.

G. Chair cover memo

Short letter from Chair Price (or the two Board delegates) to the Clerk and The Desert Review: we are opening a 45-day comment period; we will print every comment; facts and comments will not be mixed; the first committee meeting waits until that packet is out.

1-C. How to run the 45 days

1. Board or Chair direction on the record (consent item or announcement) so this is a county process, not a private project.
2. Post the notice: Clerk's office, county website, Granicus, each city clerk, libraries, IID if they will post, and The Desert

Review as a display ad plus the fact insert (Section 3).
3. English and Spanish on the same day.
4. Do not "extend quietly." If the Board extends the window, publish the new close date the same way the open date was published.
5. During the window: collect, number, scan. Do not summarize yet. Do not use AI to "clean up" a commenter's words.
6. After close: freeze the log. That log is what goes to the newspaper.

Do not put on the comment notice

- East Mesa, rail ports, Gallagher pay, Brawley cameras, alfalfa, DIP, or a special economic zone. Wrong committee.
- Straw-man nuclear plants. That is a tactic, not a public question.
- A demand that people support or oppose Sebastian Rucci, Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing, or any other named application.

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2. Publishing every comment in a newspaper document

The Carl's Jr. working agreement was: collect the comments, publish them all, preferably in The Desert Review, so nobody can say the committee sat on the mail. That publication is the public record the first meeting uses.

2-A. The publishing rule

Print all timely comments. Do not edit for tone, grammar, or politics.

Allowed changes, and only these, listed on the packet cover:

Allowed	Not allowed
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Assign a comment number	Cutting sentences the editors dislike
Fix a scan that is unreadable, with a note "retyped from original; original on file at the Clerk"	Combining two people into one "summary comment"
Redact a phone number, street address, email, or account number	Redacting a name unless the commenter asked for initials
Redact a threat or a clearly unlawful incitement, with a note "redacted under Clerk protocol; original retained"	Leaving out a comment because it is long, angry, or "off question"
Label a filing "late" if it missed 5:00 p.m. on the close date	Quietly dropping late filings

If a comment is off-topic (cameras, hay, a family matter), still print it. Put it under "Other statements received." Hiding it is how people decide the process is cheatable.

AI, if used at all, waits until after the newspaper is out. Distillation is for the committee's briefing memo, not a substitute for the published comments. The memo must say it is a staff/AI digest and point to comment numbers. The digest is not the record. The newspaper is.

2-B. The newspaper product

Ask The Desert Review for a special section or insert, not a news story that quotes three people and calls it done. A news story can run too. It is not the comment dump.

Suggested title

Imperial County Data Center Comment Record Comments received [open date] through [close date] Published for the Data

Center Advisory Committee before its first public meeting

Physical layout (do not mix the piles)

1. Cover -- title, dates, "this is a public record," how many comments, where originals live (Clerk of the Board).
2. How to read this section -- ten lines. Comments are opinions of the writers. They are not county findings. Facts are in Section A only.
3. Section A -- Facts -- the fact sheet from Part 3 of this packet. No adjectives, no "should."
4. Section B -- Working draft for comment -- Appendix A (the six-chapter standards). Banner: NOT ADOPTED.
5. Section C -- Timely comments -- C-001 onward, each with number, name (or initials), city, date, full text.
6. Section D -- Late comments -- if any.
7. Section E -- Index -- alphabetical by name, and by question (1-5) if the form was used.

If the pile is too big for one issue, print Section A+B in issue 1 (this can go out when the comment period opens) and Section C+D+E as issue 2 when the window closes. That still keeps facts and comments from mixing. Do not drip comments as a weekly highlights column. That is editing by selection.

House ads and editorials

The paper's own editorial belongs in the regular opinion pages, not inside Section A or C. If the paper writes an editorial, it must not sit on the same spread as the fact sheet without a hard rule: "Editorial -- not part of the county fact record."

2-C. Distribution so "everyone" is not a slogan

Printing in The Desert Review is the spine. It is not the whole route.

Channel	Who	When
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The Desert Review insert	Paid/home delivery and racks	Issue 1 on open date (facts + draft); Issue 2 after close (all comments)
Clerk of the Board counter and website	Walk-ins; PDF	Same days as the paper
County Granicus / Board packet	Anyone who follows the Board	Linked from the first committee agenda
City clerks (Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial, Westmorland)	City halls	PDF plus a stack of paper inserts
Public libraries	Walk-ins	Paper inserts
IID lobby / customer counter	If IID agrees to set a stack	Paper inserts
Spanish: same insert translated, or a bilingual section	Same routes	Same days, not a week later

Print count (fill with the paper): [Desert Review press run] + [extra inserts for clerks, libraries, cities]. Do not under-print the extra stacks. The point is a document a person can pick up without a login.

First committee agenda must attach the PDF of the newspaper packet. If a member got a briefing memo, the agenda still carries the full comment file. No "highlights only" packet for the dais.

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3. Facts in the newspaper, walled off from opinion

This is the piece that keeps the process honest. People are entitled to a fact set that does not argue. Opinions go in Section C. Proposals go in Section B. Section A is only what can be sourced.

3-A. What counts as a fact in this packet

A line goes in Section A only if it has a public source: a Board resolution, an ordinance, a published agenda, a staff report, or a named news report with date. If it came from a coffee-shop conversation and has not been said on the record, it stays out until someone puts it on the record.

Write facts as sentences a clerk can defend.

- Allowed: "On June 16, 2026, the Board adopted Resolution 2026-105 establishing the Data Center Advisory Committee."
- Not allowed: "The county was hoodwinked." "Data centers are a hyper wholesale business." "Rucci is inviable." Those are judgments. They belong in a comment if someone files them.

Banner at the top of Section A

> *FACTS. This section states Board actions, committee structure, and sourced public information. It is not a recommendation. It does not approve or deny any project.*

Banner at the top of Section C

> *COMMENTS. These are the words of the people who filed them. They are not findings of the County of Imperial or of the Data Center Advisory Committee.*

3-B. The fact sheet (ready to typeset)

Clerk and county counsel should initial this before it prints. Brackets mark lines that need a last check against the resolution, ordinance, or staff report.

A1. What body is this?

- The Imperial County Board of Supervisors created the Imperial County Data Center Advisory Committee on June 16, 2026, by Resolution No. 2026-105.
- The committee advises the Board on land use, zoning, and policy options for data center development in the unincorporated areas of Imperial County.
- The committee is advisory only. Final policy and land-use decisions remain with the Board of Supervisors.
- The Board directed the committee to report back by January 1, 2027. [Confirm exact minute-order language.]
- The Board adopted committee bylaws on July 14, 2026 (vote 5-0 as reported).
- County fire, sheriff, and the agricultural commissioner were directed to be available to the committee. [Confirm minute order.]
- An Imperial Irrigation District representative was added. [Confirm how that seat is appointed.]

A2. Who sits on it?

Authorized size: 19 members (two supervisors; seven city appointments; unincorporated local government; two community; environment; labor; healthcare; education; nonprofit; business; energy).

Board-appointed as reported July 14, 2026:

Seat	Name
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Board of Supervisors	Peggy Price
Board of Supervisors	John Hawk

Unincorporated local government	Mark Hamby
Community interests	Ann Michelle Hollinger
Community interests	Flavio Grijalva Jr.
Environmental background/expertise	Kristian Michelle Salgado
Organized labor	Andrew Schwartz
Healthcare	Sheleah Kay Edwards
Education	Marjorie E. Marquez
Nonprofit	Oli Bachie (also reported as Backie -- Clerk should lock the spelling)
Business	Sandy Finnell
Energy industry	Jeffrey Nemeth (also reported as Jefferey -- Clerk should lock the spelling)

City appointments as of the July 14, 2026 reporting:

City	Name / status
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Imperial	Dennis H. Morita (City Manager)
Holtville	Appointment pending as of July 14; Mike Goodsell expected per Supervisor Hawk's public statement -- update before print
Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Westmorland	Clerk lists current names or "not yet appointed"

Do not print a city manager's performance opinions in this table.

A3. What freeze is in place?

- On June 16, 2026, the Board adopted an urgency interim ordinance under California Government Code section 65858, placing a temporary 45-day pause on approvals of data center facilities in unincorporated Imperial County.
- On July 14, 2026, the Board extended that pause by 10 months and 15 days, through June 2027 (vote 5-0 as reported).
- County staff and county counsel have stated that applications may still be submitted and processed, but permits and development approvals may not be issued during the pause.
- County counsel stated on the record that the pause is countywide and not limited to one project, and that the moratorium is in active litigation. [Quote the July 14 counsel statement in the Board packet if printing a quote.]

A4. What is the committee asked to study?

As described in Resolution 2026-105 and subsequent Board materials, the committee is to evaluate and recommend on:

- Planning, zoning, and regulatory options
- Possible amendments to the Imperial County General Plan and Codified Ordinances
- Use of specific plans or other planning tools
- Location and proximity standards
- Identification of appropriate areas for data center development
- Implementation options and related policy

That list is the mandate. Items not on that list are not this committee's assignment.

A5. What has already been said in public about CEQA and by-right?

At the June 16, 2026 Board meeting, as reported by the Calexico Chronicle:

- Supervisor Jesús Eduardo Escobar stated that the committee should look at CEQA for future development, and described a proposed data center location as "ridiculous."
- Supervisor Martha Cardenas-Singh expressed support for CEQA review and for eliminating by-right land-use approvals for data centers.
- Supervisor John Hawk stated he would support the item and that people he spoke with did not want a data center in Imperial.
- Chair Peggy Price stated the resolution and urgency moratorium were the Board's way of helping the community help the Board, and that she approved the resolution.

Those are on-the-record remarks by elected officials. They are not adopted ordinance. Print them in a box titled "Statements on the June 16, 2026 dais (not adopted code)." Do not turn them into a county finding.

A6. Public comment already received on the freeze itself

- The June 16, 2026 item ran more than an hour of public comment, as reported.
- County staff reported about 130 written comments on that item, now public record at the Clerk.
- Those 130 comments are not a substitute for the new 45-day window. They were about the freeze and the committee's creation. The new window is about future standards. The Clerk may post a link to the June file so people can read it. Do not dump those 130 into Section C as if they answered the five new questions, unless the writer resubmits.

A7. Sourcing a project without trying the case

If the fact sheet mentions a concrete proposal, use this block and nothing hotter:

> *Public reports describe a proposed data center of about 330 megawatts and about one million square feet near Aten and Clark roads, associated with Imperial Valley Computer Manufacturing and Sebastian Rucci. The City of Imperial has litigated environmental review. The developer has litigated the county's moratorium. Courts will decide those cases. This committee is not a court. This comment period is about countywide rules for unincorporated Imperial County.*

Spell the name Sebastian Rucci. Do not use Ritchie or Rucchi. Do not call the project inviable in Section A.

A8. What is not yet decided (so the fact sheet does not fake a decision)

Print this as a list of open questions, not answers:

- Final setback distance (figures discussed in public have included 1,000 feet; other distances have been mentioned in working talks -- do not treat any of them as adopted).
- Whether by-right is removed, and how Specific Plans are excepted.
- On-site substation, microgrid, storage, noise, water reporting, hiring, and community-benefit terms -- these appear in a working draft in Section B. They are not code.

A9. County noise number -- confirm before print

Working talks cited a 60 decibel county sound cap. Do not print 60 dB as fact until Planning or county counsel points to the code section. If confirmed, print: "Imperial County Code [section] limits sound to 60 dB at [measurement point]." If not confirmed, omit.

A10. Power and water -- what can be said without guessing

Print only what IID or the county has said in a public document. If the 20 MW large-load figure has not been published by IID, leave it out of Section A. It may be asked in question 5. A question is not a fact.

Water: Section A may say Imperial County's agricultural and municipal supply is Colorado River water administered with IID.

It may say other jurisdictions have required water pre-assessments and annual reports. It may not say "data centers use little water" or "data centers use 750,000 gallons a day" unless the sentence names the speaker and the document. Sierra Club and State Senator figures reported in the press, if used, get a named source and stay in a "reported claims" box, not in the county voice.

3-C. What stays out of the fact sheet

Do not print any of the following in Section A, even if they are true as someone's view:

- "Music men," "bucket of crabs," "swamp," "hoodwinked"
- East Mesa 30,000-acre city, rail-port acreage, railroad MOU demands
- Gallagher pay study, Board compensation
- Brawley surveillance cameras
- Alfalfa rations, DIP, Sudan grass, burn bans
- Graphene / ELDES as if it were county policy
- 30% fenestration as if it were county policy
- Family matters, city-manager performance, state-senator character
- Straw-man small modular reactors

Those items can appear in Section C if a commenter files them. They do not become facts by sitting in this packet.

Section B (working draft) is the right home for the six-chapter standards: siting, who pays, power on the parcel, water accounting, neighbor conditions, local return. Banner on every page of Section B: Working draft for comment. Not adopted. Not a committee recommendation.

Master checklist -- before the first public meeting

Print this on card stock for Peggy, the Clerk, and the paper.

Before the comment window opens

[ ] [ ] Board or Chair direction on the record
[ ] [ ] County counsel reads the notice, the fact sheet, and the redaction protocol
[ ] [ ] English and Spanish notice (1-B-A)
[ ] [ ] Comment form (1-B-B)
[ ] [ ] Five questions locked (1-B-C)
[ ] [ ] Working draft Appendix A attached and labeled not adopted (1-B-D)
[ ] [ ] Fact sheet initialed (3-B), spellings locked (Bachie/Backie, Nemeth/Jefferey, Rucci)
[ ] [ ] City appointment table updated
[ ] [ ] 60 dB line confirmed or removed
[ ] [ ] 20 MW line confirmed with IID or removed from facts
[ ] [ ] Clerk protocol and numbering system (1-B-F)
[ ] [ ] Desert Review contract: Issue 1 (facts + draft) on open date; Issue 2 (all comments) after close
[ ] [ ] Extra print stacks for cities, libraries, Clerk counter
[ ] [ ] Website PDF posted the morning the window opens

During the 45 days

[ ] [ ] Every filing stamped, numbered, scanned

[ ] [ ] Receipt email with comment number
[ ] [ ] No merits replies
[ ] [ ] Weekly count posted (how many received -- not a summary of what they said)

After the window closes, before meeting one

[ ] [ ] Log frozen
[ ] [ ] Every timely comment typeset in Section C
[ ] [ ] Late comments in Section D, labeled late
[ ] [ ] Index built
[ ] [ ] Newspaper Issue 2 printed and stacked at the same places as Issue 1
[ ] [ ] PDF attached to the first committee agenda
[ ] [ ] Members told: read Section A and Section C; the digest is extra, not instead
[ ] [ ] First public meeting noticed under the Brown Act after Issue 2 is out

At meeting one (so the documentation is used)

[ ] [ ] Chair states: this meeting works from the published comment record
[ ] [ ] No new "secret" studies handed out that the public cannot get
[ ] [ ] Public comment at the meeting is in addition to the 45-day file, not a replacement
[ ] [ ] Next step: committee work plan toward the January 1, 2027 report

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Appendix A -- Working draft for comment (not adopted)

Use this as Section B of the newspaper. Keep every original Kelley/Hamby point. This is the six-chapter order for readability.

Header on every page: Working draft for public comment. Not county policy. Not a committee recommendation.

1. Siting

1. No by-right approval except in an adopted Specific Plan.
2. 1,000-foot setback from residences, schools, and public assembly. (Measurement point to be stated if this is later written into code.)

2. Who pays

3. Before site work, the developer funds a full infrastructure impact assessment (power, water, traffic, and related systems).
4. The project pays its utility upgrades. Citizen service may not be degraded.
17. Compliance, monitoring, and community-benefit administration are paid by the developer, not the county and not partner organizations.

3. Power stays on the parcel

5. The project's substation is built on the site. No dedicated use of an off-site or public substation.
6. On-site microgrid with renewable generation, independent baseload, and backup power.
7. Natural-gas generators require ammonia-catalyzed SCR, and must meet limits for NOx, SO2, CO, and PM2.5.
8. Minimum 10-hour on-site energy storage. ELDES / graphene favored over lithium-ion.

4. Water

11. The contract states annual water volume and the cooling path: closed-loop, open-loop, potable, or reclaimed.

5. Neighbor conditions (noise, light, look)

9. Peak 60 dB at the property line (confirm code section and measurement point before this becomes a fact in Section A).
10. Third-party noise studies before and after construction, in dBA and dBc.
14. Dark-sky downlighting.
13. Visual screening: packed-earth berms, tree lines, rooftop cooling fully shrouded.
12. At least 30% fenestration (real or faux) on facades facing a major highway or residential district.

6. Local return

15. Preferential hiring for operating jobs, with a training path through the community college or vocational center and reentry programs.
16. Good Neighbor community benefit agreement under the Imperial County program, with seven Board-designated local partnerships. (Name the seven when the Board names them.)

Commenters may support, oppose, split, or add to any numbered item. Agreement with this draft is not required to be heard.

Appendix B -- Draft notice (English)

Copy, fill brackets, translate to Spanish, run past counsel.

> *PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Imperial County Data Center Advisory Committee The Imperial County Board of Supervisors seeks written public comment on possible future land-use, zoning, and related standards for data centers in unincorporated Imperial County. The Data Center Advisory Committee (Resolution 2026-105) is advisory. The Board of Supervisors will make any final policy decision. This comment period is not a hearing on any one project. It does not change the existing pause on data-center approvals, which runs through June 2027. Opens: [date], 12:01 a.m. Pacific Closes: [date], 5:00 p.m. Pacific Length: 45 calendar days Questions (answer any or all; other comments are also accepted): 1. Where should data centers be allowed (industrial zones, Specific Plan areas, both, or other mapped districts)? 2. Should by-right approval be removed so projects go through CEQA, except in an adopted Specific Plan? 3. What setback from homes, schools, and public assembly, and how should it be measured? 4. What must a developer prove and pay for before site work (power, water, traffic, substations, noise)? 5. What size and electrical load should the county plan for? A working draft of possible standards is available from the Clerk. It is not adopted policy. How to file: Mail or deliver to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 940 West Main Street, Suite 209, El Centro, CA 92243, or email cynthiamedina@co.imperial.ca.us. Use the comment form if you can. Letters are accepted if they include your name, city or ZIP, and the date. Publication: Every timely comment will be printed in a newspaper comment record and placed at the Clerk's office, city halls, and libraries before the committee's first public meeting. You may request initials only. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Facts: A separate fact sheet of Board actions will run in the same newspaper product. Comments will not be mixed into that fact sheet. Questions about how to file: Clerk of the Board, 442-265-1020.*

Appendix C -- Draft note to The Desert Review

> *We are asking the paper to print a public-record insert, not to pick sides. Issue 1 (comment period opens): Section A facts (county-initialed) and Section B working draft (banner: not adopted). Issue 2 (after day 45): Every timely comment in full, numbered, plus late comments in a separate list. No greatest-hits column in place of the dump. The paper's news coverage and editorials can run as usual. They must be labeled as journalism or opinion and must not sit inside Section*

A. We will pay for extra copies for the Clerk, seven city halls, and libraries. We need English and Spanish on the same schedule. Contact for copy: Clerk of the Board, with Chair Price's office copied.

Appendix D -- Draft note to Chair Peggy Price

Peggy -- Attached is a 1-2-3 packet for everything that should exist before the Data Center Advisory Committee's first public meeting. 1. A 45-day written comment period on countywide rules, with five questions. Not a freeze. Not a project hearing. 2. Every comment printed, in The Desert Review and on the Clerk's stacks, with a short redaction rule and no quiet drops. 3. A fact sheet of Board actions in that same newspaper, in its own section, so opinion cannot hide in the facts. The first meeting should be noticed after Issue 2 is out. That way nobody can say the committee made its record in a room of whoever showed up on a Tuesday. I can walk the Clerk through the numbering and the working-draft appendix. I will not put Carl's Jr. talk into Section A. Mark Hamby Unincorporated local government seat Imperial County Data Center Advisory Committee

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End of packet. Next physical step: Peggy + Clerk + counsel on the notice and fact sheet; then the paper on Issue 1.