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Comments: I support the mineral withdrawal, and in addition, the process should be expedited.

Water is a precious commodity. Per the information provided by the mining company, it takes 2.2 million liters to produce 1 ton of lithium. One evaporating pond would use 21 million liters per day. Twenty-one million liters = 5.5 million gallons.

Average water use is 60 gallons of water per day per person. So just ONE day of one evaporating pond could supply 251 people their water supply for an entire YEAR. Additionally, the destruction of flora and fauna in the area, the threat to the main water supply for an entire city, the lack of decent reclamation in prior projects like this, and health threats to humans in area-all tragic.

Again, I support the proposed mineral withdrawal as a start to protecting the Pactola water supply."