

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Stevan Pearce
Director
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Justin Abernathy
Acting Director
Nevada State Office, BLM
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Dear Director Pearce and Acting Director Abernathy,

I am writing to demand that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) include robust public consultation and transparency during the federal permitting process for proposed data centers on public lands, including the pending project in Boulder City, Nevada.

Townsite Solar 2, LLC's efforts to build a data center in Boulder City, Nevada, have been the subject of significant public scrutiny. The Houston-based company previously sought to build the facility on 88.5 acres of land owned by Boulder City south of Interstate 11. I have heard from constituents who are concerned about the impact that such a facility would have on the environment and the surrounding community.

Specifically, residents are concerned about how the proposed project would impact the electric grid and utility prices, how heat generated from industrial processes used to operate the facility would affect the surrounding area, and whether the project would further deplete our precious water resources. Issues such as water supply, extreme heat, and grid resilience are integral to Southern Nevadans' lives and livelihoods. Regulators should address them in a public and transparent manner so that the community can determine whether the projected benefits of a proposed project outweigh the expected costs.

Recognizing the public concern with the proposed facility, on May 20, 2026, the Boulder City Planning Commission voted 6-1 against adding the project to the City's Land Management process, effectively pausing the city permitting process for development. On July 7, 2026, Boulder City announced that Townsite Solar 2, LLC withdrew its application to construct the data center on city land.

I am concerned to hear that while Boulder City was engaging the public on this manner, the Bureau of Land Management was working to quietly greenlight this project to move forward on public land. On June 26, 2026, the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Field Office approved an application to amend an existing Right-of-Way (ROW) grant. The amended ROW grant will allow Townsite Solar 2, LLC to construct and operate a data center on a federal parcel adjacent to the city parcel that was previously considered.

Decisions about how to manage our public lands should always be made in a transparent manner and include opportunities for the public to weigh in.

I request answers to the following questions no later than July 22, 2026:

1. Does BLM agree that robust transparency and public consultation should be conducted in any agency action that would allow data centers to be built on public land?
2. What public consultation did BLM engage in before agreeing to amend Townsite Solar 2, LLC's Right-of-Way grant (NVN 099875) to allow Townsite Solar 2, LLC to "construct, operate, and decommission a Data Center Facility" on public land?
3. What public consultation process does BLM plan to engage in as the agency considers whether to issue a Notice-to-Proceed allowing Townsite Solar 2, LLC to proceed with the project?
4. Will BLM hold public hearings as it considers whether to issue a Notice-to-Proceed for the development of Townsite Solar 2, LLC's proposed data center facility in Boulder City?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Shanklin on my staff (claire.shanklin@mail.hous.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dina Titus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dina" and last name "Titus" clearly distinguishable.

Dina Titus
Member of Congress