

25 KEITH LARSON: I'm Keith Larson with the City of

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1 Caliente. I also appreciate the opportunity to address
2 everybody. Somebody asked me tonight, "Well, are you for
3 it or are you against it?" Well, if anybody would have
4 asked me in 1976 or '77 when they started this project
5 whether I was for it or against it, well, I wouldn't want
6 anything like this in my backyard, and neither would
7 anybody else.

8 But we didn't approach it in those days from
9 whether we wanted it or not. There was something like
10 3,000 people in the whole county. And we felt like we
11 needed an approach to this that made sense. So we
12 formed the JCCIAC committee, Joint City County Impact
13 Alleviation.

14 Now, where are you going to find people in the
15 county, a rural county like we are that have the
16 experience to know what's going to happen? But one
17 thing that we did know was that when the federal
18 government decides that they're going to do something,
19 they do it.

20 [Yucca Mountain is there. They've built the
21 repository. Whether I'm glad about it or not is not the
22 question. How do I react? I appreciated the remarks
23 that have already preceded me this evening, and I think
24 that the general concern is that we don't always get
25 what we want. But we need to have an assurance that

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1 what they take from us is duly compensated.]

2 [How can you take away the tourism

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3 possibilities? We're working on that. I'm on a Lincoln
4 Community Action Team that wants a limited amount of
5 tourism. And why do I say that? Because, frankly, we
6 can't handle more than a limited amount. We're talking
7 about short tours and that type of thing.

8 The Caliente Corridor or the Eccles Corridor,
9 I have no idea which one they're going to choose. I do
10 have an idea, like Mrs. Huston suggested, that it would
11 completely provide a negative for that particular thing.
12 And that's -- we did some branding of our own. I am
13 concerned about it, and I will continue to be concerned
14 about it, whether we get those choices.

15 I want to also say that I want to thank the
16 JCCIAC for the job they've done as far as trying to get
17 some answers to their questions. But as I look through
18 some of the documentation, I find that we have a lot to
19 be concerned about.

20 I can't answer for the ranchers. I have no
21 idea what kind of an impact that's going to have on
22 them. I've read a few comments already. And I don't
23 know about those routes that will follow out of Caliente
24 or the Eccles deal.

25 But I am concerned about that route through

1 Caliente, what that's going to do and how that's going
2 to have an impact on us. Is it going to be positive?
3 Well, if they do pick the Caliente route, I want to make
4 sure that we're going to have the hospitals, the jobs,
5 and those kinds of things as alternatives to the
6 negative impact.

7 But I'm in hopes that we'll be able to find a
8 resolution to this, and we will be able to maintain the
9 rural lifestyle we're used to and we can get around this
10 thing.] Anyway, that's all I've got to say. Thanks.