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Subject: RE: Value Engineering Review
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Hello, Mr. Mayor,

Thank you for your invitation to the Commission's discussions last week. You run a good meeting! May I share some thoughts about Value Engineering Reviews which I realize may not be new, given your extensive government experience?

1. The standard one-week process does not give sufficient time to review the fundamental questions,
 - a. What do we want this project to do?
 - b. Is this essential now?
 - c. What interests will it benefit or injure?

Although these would have been touched on during staff presentations or while policy decisions were being made, important needs may have shifted while the project was being designed.
2. A one-week format offers scant time to build trust between the parties and for the reviewing engineers to become familiar with the overall project and locate all major areas of improvement.
 - a. Obvious weaknesses may be discovered, but more basic conditions may not be considered.
 - b. Is the technology old and traditional, or are modern approaches feasible?
 - c. It's my hunch that Reviewing firms may not wish to expose major deficiencies in Designers' projects, though they will find enough \$100,000 bobbles to justify their involvement.
3. Will this Value Engineering Review address:
 - a. Foreseeable but unquantifiable difficulties from weather, unlikely catastrophes, changes in social or economic or climatic conditions?
 - b. If something cannot be costed, will its effect be estimated, or will it be left out of the analysis?

Jason, thank you for your consideration of these issues; I do not need or expect a reply, but offer them in a collaborative and fraternal hope that the Peninsula's residents get the best solution possible for their water needs.

Warm regards,

Rich Persoff

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