

Thank you. My name is Nick King and I am the pastor at Carlsbad Mennonite Church and member of Citizens Concerned For the Future.

There are plenty of people standing up for their **own** legal and economic rights- which...makes sense. They should.

But who looks at the **big** picture, what is right and good for **all** the people. And I ask you as a regulating board of the state to take on a **pastoral, or priestly role**, to see the bigger picture of your responsibility to all the people in the state, and to see yourselves as stewards for all God's creatures, and for this great creation that God has entrusted to us.

And I encourage you to take a **long view** on how, and what we regulate, and how that may affect our grandchildren and the civilizations that *may* follow us.

Our indigenous brothers and sisters talked about walking lightly on this earth, but our white civilization understands ownership, exploiting, dominating, and personal profit as the only significant values, as if the earth were ours?

Waste and pollution are a sin, whether it is land, air or water.

May you see the bigger picture as you look at equitable and God pleasing regulations for dealing with this produced water. And may God give you wisdom in these difficult and technical decisions that really are natural law, and there will be natural consequences if we don't do our part.