# How secrecy works: deflection, obstruction, and denial

**The  delay is the point: an answer is useful only if it arrives before the decision.**



Request the facts needed to understand the project.

No reply • delayed reply • an answer without the requested records.

Land, incentives, utilities, or approvals may already be set.

**NO PUBLIC RESOURCES WITHOUT PUBLIC FACTS.** Facts must be usable—and timely.

# Three questions cut through the jargon

You do not need to be a data-center expert to understand whether the public has enough information.

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| 1 | **WHO IS BEHIND IT?** | Developers • operators • end users |
| 2 | **WHAT WILL IT REQUIRE?** | Power • water • land • backup generation |
| 3 | **WHO CARRIES THE RISK?** | Ratepayers • taxpayers • nearby communities |

When answers stay vague,  never arrive before or even after-approval-communities  are left scrambling for information**. And that's the intention!**

# Ways you can find out about a possible data center project

Public impacts require public facts before approval.

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| 01 | ASK EARLY | When whispers of a project are heard, request public records: identity, power, water, incentives, land terms, and utility commitments, confidentiality/non-disclosure agreements |
| 02 | LOG RESPONSES | Record what was requested, what was provided—and what was ignored or left ambiguous. |
| 03 | ACT ON SILENCE | Escalate before the vote: public comment, press, partners |

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