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San Jose, the symbolic capital of Silicon Valley, is now ground zero in California's battle over how to govern the rise of data centers used to power artificial intelligence. The county seat of Santa Clara is touting its partnership with Pacific Gas & Electric, claiming the city is "the West Coast's premier destination for data center development.".

Should San Jose buy more power?

In San Jose, city energy officials say they are reluctant to procure additional power until they know which projects will actually be built. "We do not want to buy more power than we need," said panelist Lori Mitchell, director of San Jose Clean Energy, the city's publicly-owned electricity provider. "That's job No. 1."



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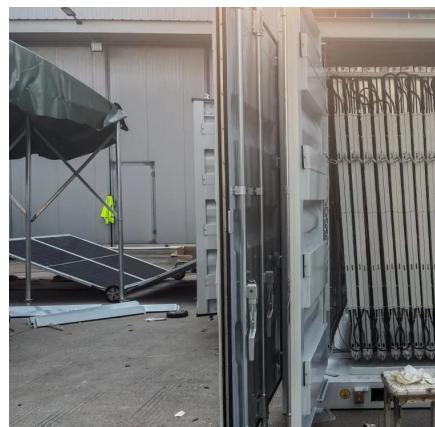
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