“Breaking News” (Optional) – use during site evaluations (Stage 2) to ‘shake up’ debates

Delta Town:

In the aftermath of a major spring flood, a just-released Army Corps of Engineers study has found a critical need for major floodwall repairs and enhancements projected to cost over ten billion dollars.

Rocky Valley:

After several consecutive dry seasons, the Salmon River has seen significant drops in streamflow rates; declining fish populations have resulted in the imposition of strict new environmental regulations.

Salty Flats:

A class-action lawsuit filed by residents negatively affected by contaminated groundwater has resulted in a multi-billion dollar judgement against former mineowners.

Shake City:

The USGS has just published a study that finds that clusters of magnitude-8.0 earthquakes occur along the Tremble Fault every 300 years; the last one was dated to approximately the year 1760.

Stormy Beach:

An offshore tanker accident the previous summer fouled the coastline and dropped tourism by up to 80%; in response, local leaders have announced major tax incentives for any future development.