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Subject: "Public Comment, 6/25/20 SSA Board Meeting"

Greetings, distinguish SSA's Board Members:

- 1. I am thankful for the opportunity to submit the following comment that would demonstrate a need for you to STOP promoting and supporting the "Current Course of Action" "Smaller Sustainable Lake" or so-called "Perimeter Lake" and related projects because the "Current Course of Action policy" was/is based on a "FALSE" assumption that importing seawater is not a feasible solution. Also, it was/is based on gaining some land on the southern part of the Lake for the IID to be used for geothermal and agricultural benefits.
- 2. I am hoping that common sense will prevail and that we can move forward working together in the interest of saving and restoring the Salton Sea, our environment, and the wellbeing of nearby communities. (My comment can be read in about 3-4 minutes. I appreciate an additional minute if needed Thank you).
- 3. Since my previous "Comment Letter" read by Secretary Ms. Thill on the previous Board Meeting via Zoom Webinar on May 21, 2020, was not read completely because of limited 3-minutes time, I am using this opportunity to include remaining points in this letter earlier and to reinstate a few points if time allows. The letter was/is very important it has a legal factor involved.
- 4. I did send several times a copy of my proposal divided into five segments (summaries) for an easier understanding to Linda (Seroy) Thill, Board Secretary, for the record and to send a copy to you. I also included each Director of that time in the "cc" address. So, you are aware of it despite ignoring it since 2013. You simply chose "destruction" of the Lake over "saving" it. Of course, you are using different wording, but the facts are indisputable and on my side. Therefore, your actions to deceive public, state, and federal officials are systematic, intentional, and unlawful conduct.
- 5. I would like to reinstate again because it looks like that you are not getting it yet that by implementing my system of pipelines just for farmlands Northern and Southern area of the Salton Sea would generate, at least, several hundred million dollars in revenue every year "out of blue" literally. More likely will be around \$1 billion.
- **6.** It is **mind-boggling** that you would **ignore** such a proposal and rather proceed with **asking** governments (**state** and **federal**) for money for the "**destruction**" of the Lake.

- 7. I would like to mention that my work is well **documented** (patented) and **your** actions are well **documented** too.
- 8. You know **very well** that the "Current Course of Action" leads to **smaller**, **saltier**, **smellier** and more **polluted** Lake that would sooner or later end up as a "Smaller Sustainable **Cesspool**" which means "**DESTRUCTION**" (Disappearance) of the Salton Sea **slowly** and **surely** with the tremendous **consequence** that **each** of you will be **responsible** for if the "Current Course of Action" continues.
- **9.** Ignoring **me** or **my proposal**, for whatever reasoning you have, is **not** a **productive** approach for the restoration of the Salton Sea. It leads to **losing** more **time**, and **money** and leads to **increasing** environmental **hazards** and endangering the **health** of the local population. That is just the **opposite** of what your original **function** supposed to be when the SSA was formed. Also, it is **against** the State's and relevant agencies' **policy**.
- 10. By now you know that my proposal is a comprehensive design consisting of an architectural design that includes Dividing Lake into three sections Redirecting New River and Alamo River back to Mexico Importing seawater into the central section Providing a condition for tourism Providing vast wildlife sanctuary Harnessing hydropower Harnessing solar energy Harnessing geothermal energy Drilling deeper and wider wellbores Desalinating the Salton Sea and in process of desalination producing potable water for free, and salty brine that can be used to produce lithium.
- 11. By the way, please do not equate my proposal (as something similar and already tried) with the attempt (proposal) for importing seawater of dozen years ago (estimated about \$9 billion) that was rejected rightfully so. If you equate my proposal with a previous attempt it would demonstrate another dishonest conduct diminishing my creative work and giving credit to somebody else.
- **12.** My proposal could be considered as a **project** of the **century** costing only about **\$10 billion** and in return generating revenue in **100s** billions.
- **13.** I would like to **emphasize** that getting **funding** for my proposal **will not** be an **issue**.
- **14.** My proposal **does not** interfere with plans **already** in **motion** for the extraction of lithium from the brine of **conventional** geothermal plants it is in **harmony** with them and in fact, **refills** depleting known **geothermal reservoirs** which is a huge **benefit**. Also, my proposal is in **harmony** with the Quantification Settlement Agreement (**QSA**).

Sincerely,

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