

March 24, 2021

Linda (Seroy) Thill  
Board Secretary  
**Salton Sea Authority**

Subject: “**Public Comment, 3/25/21 SSA Board Meeting**”.

**Greetings**, distinguish SSA’s: GM, Patrick **O’Dowd**; President, Alex **Cardenas**; Vice President, Manuel V. **Perez**; Board Members: Altrena **Saltillanes**; Luis **Plancarte**; James C. **Hanks**; Ryan **Kelley**; Thomas **Tortez**, Jr.; Castulo **Estrada**; Jeff **Hewitt**; and a new member Anthony **Bianco**.

1. I am thankful for the opportunity to submit the following comment for the **record**.
2. I respectfully urge you **again** as I did many times to **stop** the “current course of action” the “Perimeter/Brine Lake” and related projects that **inevitably** lead to the **destruction** of the Lake and oncoming ecological **disaster** with liability exceeding **70 billion** dollars – in addition to **losing lives** of the local population. I respectfully urge you to **redirect** your action with the same **effort**, but this time in the **right** direction - towards **saving** and **restoring** the Salton Sea that will establish a **clean** environment, and **prosperity** to the nearby **communities** and the State in general.
3. Since I did not hear any positive response from you, other than courtesy statements such as “**Thank you for your statement**” and/or “**Thank you for your passion**”, I will continue exposing your **wrongdoing** and I will continue promoting my proposal with the title “Harnessing Energy and Water in the Salton Sea” whenever an opportunity is given to me.
4. I would like to remind you **again**, as you are aware of it, that a feasible long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea **existed** since 2013.
5. I would like to emphasize **again** that my proposal is a **comprehensive design** that, besides the **architectural** design, incorporates **several breakthrough** technologies in the energy industry (Renewable Energy – **hydro, solar, geothermal**) which I am the **author** of.

6. For easier understanding, I have summarized my proposal into five segments. **Each** segment is an **integral** (co-dependent) **part** of the **unique** design for the **long-term solution** for the restoration of the Salton Sea. **Playing** architects by trying to take pieces of my design and by trying to incorporate **somehow** “North Lake” with “Perimeter/Brine Lake” is “butchering” my design. That is **unacceptable** and would be **counterproductive**. By the way, the “Perimeter Lake” as officially accepted in 2016, is a **sing** “snake-like” Lake that consist of Southwestern, Western, Northern, and Eastern sectors, with the main purpose of funneling the New River and Alamo rivers around the expensive “Perimeter **wall**” into Brine Lake in the middle. That is a **ridiculous** concept.
7. If you have **not been** intentionally **ignorant** for over 7 years, we **would have** a functional Salton Sea **today** and would be in a process of generating revenue in **billions** of dollars.
8. Local communities and the State already **lost** precious **time** and **money** because of your **wrong** decisions, and it would be highly **irresponsible** to continue losing additional **time** and **money** on the projects that are **doomed** to **fail** just to **save** your **ego** and **pride**.
9. Fast action is necessary. When you are ready, I would be glad to explain to you the whole project (five segments) in a few hours. The time of 5-minutes or 15-minutes or 30-minutes is OK for a summary but is not adequate time for a serious presentation of a very important project that could be considered as a **project** of the **century**.
10. Your occasional **statement** that you have the **expertise** and that you **know** what to do if state and federal governments would just give you **money** - is 100% **false**.
11. Prove for that is that you tirelessly **promoted** the “**Perimeter/Brine Lake**” knowing that the Lake will be **smaller**, **saltier**, **smellier**, and more **polluted** every year with **serious** environmental **consequences** and **health** issues to the nearby communities - **and** at the same time **intentionally** ignored my proposal – a long term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea - that would provide **clean** environment and **prosperity** to **local** communities including **you**, your **partners**, **stakeholders**, and the **state** in general. That is mind-boggling, but it is **true**.
12. If additional confirmation is needed about the **validity** of **my proposal**, I would suggest that you consult, **not** with a local **biologist** or **environmental scientists** who have **limited** technical knowledge, but rather to consult with “**impartial**” experts from several universities such as Stanford, MIT, SMU, and Laboratories such as NREL, and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories, - to mention a few. That is not a difficult task and should be done a long time ago.

13. Your record so far is remarkably **horrible** – being short-sighted, relying on **old** studies that are **without** creative design, and being ignorant. Also, based on my **occasional** interactions with you, you are **lacking** the **desire to learn** about - How we can **achieve a functional** self-sustainable Lake **despite** the reduction of inflow of 30% from the Colorado River (because of the QSA)? – How can we prevent **pollution** of the Lake **effectively**? - How we can **import** seawater **profitably**? -- How we can, in process of **desalinization** of the Lake, generate **electricity**, and have **free** byproducts potable **water** and **brine** that can be used for extraction of **Lithium**, etc.
14. So, are you going to **improve** your record by **start** working on **saving** and **restoring** the Salton Sea which would be an **honorable** step – or are you going to “dig in your heels” trying to **defend** your previous **mistakes** – or are you going to make a **new** mistake by trying to **join** the concept of the “Perimeter/Brine Lake” with the concept of “Import of Seawater” which would be **counterproductive**? That is up to **you**, and it **remains** to be **seen**.

Sincerely,

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