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To: [Salton Sea Authority](#); [Salton Sea Authority](#)
Subject: Public Comment, 2/25/21 SSA board meeting: North Lake Pilot
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Chairman and Members of the Authority,

I am writing for the Sierra Club to request a status update on the conceptual design for the North Lake Pilot project being prepared by Webb and Associates. We are very supportive of Riverside County's leadership in proposing a deep water lake that will not only sustain a much needed fishery, but will also provide multiple community benefits.

We trust that the pilot design will serve to prove up construction of a deep body of water, and not mimic shallow flooding with pockets of deeper water as is being done elsewhere.

The North Lake Demonstration Project is not on the agenda. Has the agreement with the State for this project been signed? When might a conceptual design be available for public review? Please advise, and thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Very truly yours,

Joan Taylor, Chair

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Palm Springs, CA

February 22, 2021

Linda (Seroy) Thill
Board Secretary
Salton Sea Authority

Subject: “**Public Comment**” 2/25/21, **SSA Board Meeting - via Zoom Webinar.**

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 - and 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 **clean** environment, and **prosperity** to the nearby communities and the State in general.
3. 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.
4. I would like to emphasize **again** that my proposal is a **comprehensive design** that besides the architectural design, it incorporates **several breakthrough** technologies in the energy industry (Renewable Energy) which I am the **author** of.
5. For easier understanding, I have summarized the system 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** an architect and “butchering” my design, is **unacceptable** and would be **counterproductive**.
6. 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.
7. 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**.

8. Fast action is necessary. 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**.
9. 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 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.
10. By the way, besides the people with **adequate** expertise, I spoke with many high school **students** and they understood it without a problem. I am sure that **you** will **understand** it too if you **open** your **minds** and **dedicate** a few hours to the important issue of the Salton Sea - that should be your **priority** anyway.
11. Your record so far is remarkably **horrible** – being short-sighted, relying on old studies without creative design, and being ignorant.
12. 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” in trying to **defend** your previous **mistakes** – or are you going to make a **new** mistake by trying to **join** (incorporate) the “Perimeter/Brine Lake” concept and “Import of Seawater” concept? That is up to **you**, and it **remains** to be **seen**.

Sincerely,

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