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Salton Sea Authority
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Subject: “**Public Comment, 5/21/20 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 **reverse** the “current course of action” that you **strongly support**. I am hoping 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 - It is important - Thank you).*

2. My name is **Nikola Lakic**. I am an **Architect** and the **author** of the **long-term** solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea. My official title is a **Graduate Engineer Architect**.

3. For the record, I respectfully **urge** 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 geothermal and agricultural benefits. 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**” of the Lake - **slowly** and **surely** - with the tremendous **consequence** that **each** of you will be **responsible** for if the “Current Course of Action” continues.

4. My proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea involves an **architectural design** that incorporates several **breakthrough** technologies in the **energy** industry which I have **invented** and **modified** to incorporate **local conditions** of the **Salton Sea area**. It might be considered as a **project** of the **century** costing only about **\$10 billion** and in return generating revenue in **100s** billions. 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**.

5. I am using this opportunity, as I did at least 22 times officially, in over 6 years period, to offer you **again** my **expertise** on the **subject** of the Salton Sea and **technologies** involved.

6. **If invited**, during my presentations, you would learn about the **architectural design** – How to **divide** the Lake into **three** sections **properly** – How to **redirect** New River and Alamo

River back to Mexico. How to **import seawater** into **central** section **efficiently** – how to provide a condition for **tourism** - how to provide vast **wildlife** sanctuary – how to harness **hydropower efficiently** – how to harness **solar** energy **efficiently** – how to harness **geothermal** energy **efficiently** – how to drill **deeper** and **wider** wellbores **efficiently** – how to **desalinate** the Salton Sea – and in process of **desalination** - produce potable water **for free**, and **salty brine** that can be used for the production of **lithium**. 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**).

7. 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.

8. I would like to **emphasize** that getting **funding** for my proposal **will not** be an **issue**.

9. 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**. It is **mind-boggling** that someone would **ignore** such a proposal and rather proceed with **asking** governments (**state** and **federal**) for money for the “**destruction**” of the Lake and for **relatively small** self-interest.

10. **Each segment** of my **presentation** would take about **15-20** minutes. Preferably **30** minutes. So, **2 hours** of my presentation would save you **2 weeks** of study on your own. By the way, I did send **several times** a copy of my proposal divided into **five segments** (summaries) for easier understanding to Linda (Seroy) Thill, Board Secretary, for the **record**, and I included **each of you** in the “cc” address. So, you are aware of it – despite ignoring me – therefore, your actions to **deceive** population, **state**, and **federal** officials are **systematic, intentional, and unlawful** conduct.

Sincerely,

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