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## **Drought Response**

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a research scientist in the Michigan State University; an inventor of a water desalination process utilizing direct sunlight.

I hoped to apply for funding from the California WET Program to develop that invention. However, the slides from the Public Meeting on the Water Energy Technology (WET) Program from June 29 stated that the Commission was going to review only the "commercially available, innovative technologies" not research projects", as stated on Slide 29.

I would like to point out that the commercially available technologies can appear only after the initial development of the R&D Projects - and if nobody invests into the R&D, there will be no technologies to commercialize. Also, the commercial technologies, by definition, are not inventive: they are merely the versions of the inventions made earlier during the R&D stage on the smaller scale - which were scaled up and tuned up.

And, if the State of California really needs water, it may well consider funding out-of-state entities for the projects if those projects may end up delivering water to California.

Therefore, I hope that the Commission may reconsider its decision and allow the WET Program to fund the out-of-state research.

Thank you,

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