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3-minutes Comment

Additional submitted attachment is included below.
Good afternoon, Chair Paz – Good afternoon, everyone:
My name is Nikola Lakic. I am Graduate Engineer Architect / Inventor.

1. I am pleased for the opportunity to say a few words for the record.

2. 3-minutes time, as is allowed for a “Public Comment”, is very limited time. But at least I will try to summarize it in several short points (22).

3. If you did not already read – I respectfully urge you to read at least my two recent Public Comments”. It is very relevant to what you are doing.

4. As you might know by now, I am the inventor of several breakthrough technologies in the Energy industry – (Harnessing Hydropower – Harnessing Solar power – Harnessing Geothermal energy – Drilling deeper and wider wellbores).

5. Also, as you might know, my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea, which includes the extraction of lithium projects, is under review by the Panel of independent reviewers.

6. It is premature for me to speak about it. I am waiting for the Panels’ report.

7. But I must say that I have seen the other original competing proposal and I am confident that my proposal will be accepted. It is inconceivable to me that anyone with common sense would reject a proposal that provides a clean environment and that would generate revenue in Billions of dollars yearly – rather than accepts a proposal that does not prevent incoming environmental disasters and needs governments (state and federal) constant help with hundreds of millions of dollars for fixing never-ending problems.

8. There is much more involved than just extracting lithium from geothermal brine and/or just importing seawater.

9. As you already know, I am opposing the “current course of action” – the “Perimeter/Brine Lake” and related projects that supposedly will prevent the formation of toxic dust storms – the projects that are initiated by leaders at the IID, SSA, and CNRA, and officially accepted in 2016.

10. I am sorry to say, but those are nonsensical projects that lead to the destruction of the Salton Sea.
11. Because of limited time now, I will send my comment in writing explaining in detail why it leads to the destruction of the Salton Sea, and why current projects are nonsensical.

12. It is mind-boggling that I have opposition. Instead of being thankful that I have solved a very difficult problem, and instead of being united in asking governments (State and Federal) for funding – I have to argue with local leaders. It is unbelievable.

13. I am doing my best to introduce my proposal to stakeholders and to protect my work through patent law. But there is a limit to how much I can do alone.

14. I respectfully urge State officials (relevant State Agencies) to get involved.

15. First, the “current course of action” which is ridiculous, must be stopped because going forward without a feasible Plan (Master blueprint) is losing precious time and money. If we continue with a 10-years plan – that means continue losing another 6-7 years and billions in revenue unnecessarily.

16. I am hoping that my status will change after the report of the Panel of independent reviewers.

17. I am willing to help, but without dialog, without communication, and having the state continue funding nonsensical projects - that is impossible.

18. I would like to emphasize again that I am not a contractor. I am the author of several breakthrough methodologies that will employ many contractors and change the World – starting in the Salton Sea region.

19. The higher officials in California Government have been intentionally misled since 2013, about the existence of the proposal (my proposal) that can, not just prevent the destruction of the Salton Sea, but rather restores it and makes nearby communities very prosperous.

20. I respectfully urge the State officials to halt the “current course of action” based on new important information.

21. The projects for the extraction of lithium are not in conflict with my proposal – in fact, those projects are, with minor adjustments, - such as implementing a dike (levee) around the desired land – in harmony with my proposal.

22. But first people and stakeholders need to be aware of the existence of my proposal.

Sincerely,
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