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**3-minutes Comment**

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**NOTE – 3-Minutes Public Comment for the Lithium Valley Commission –  
February 24, 2022.**

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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