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## **Delay Salton Sea Lithium, when will disclosures to be shared with Public**

To Whom it may concern, It is important to remedy the following challenges before the Salton Sea Lithium project begins.

\*What does streamlining a project mean? This is according to the C.E.C? (it was stated in a previous meeting)

\*Further investigations and accountability for a full environmental study (including air and dust monitoring) of the Salton Sea Lithium project and would like to know who is responsible for overseeing the projects' safety standards?

\*The Public should be apprised of any implications that may be perpetuated upon any living beings which includes wild-life, humans, soil, air pollution, fowl, water recycling and possible contaminants. It is my understanding that this project is using a new experimental method of extraction which uses sorbent beads. What will happen with the beads once they have exhausted their use? Who will be responsible for the safe handling of various toxins associated with this project?

\*There has not been a definitive release of information about the use of water, where will the water come from for this project and how much will be diverted? According to other reports, approximately 500,000/1 gallons per metric of lithium, thus reducing any availability of our fresh water. We are in a drought, have all the intended states (including CA, AZ, NV & Mexico), counties, water districts (outside of I.I.D), air districts and reservations been contacted?

\*What will be the increase in charge for water? And where will the water come from?

\*What will happen to the water once it has been utilized?

\*How will the water cycle be affected?

\*How will migratory birds be protected?

\*What will become of the toxic tailings and contaminants? And to my understanding (C.A.R.B stated) the only air (tubes)sensors that can be utilized takes two weeks of testing to compile. Which means that there is a high probability that toxins would be contaminating the air for two weeks or more until notice is given. As this is not a closed system, this is imperative to disclose to the public the dangers of exposure.

\*Since none of the three companies are equipped to handle the chemical processing with the sorbent beads, how will this process occur in attaining the lithium and other

variants?

\*The probability of being contaminated must be disclosed. Is there a remedy to ensure that this project can be made safe and include all safety measures that are conceivable to this industry? As it stands, this is not sufficient time to review and share findings with the public at large so that an informed decision can be made.

\*Will there be dust and air monitoring stations? If so, what happens when the air particulates become too toxic?

\*Please share with the public all possible implications and allow us to decide and vote upon the decision in November.

\* We must ask for a quicker way to test any and all water, soil, and air exposure to toxics. I am incredibly concerned for tribes in the area and any tribal peoples that live near and will be working on this project.

\*There needs to be concessions beforehand for the Torres Martinez tribe. There must also be concessions beforehand and possible relocation of the immediate tribes in the affected area.

\*Is there a cultural and environmental monitor working with this said project?

Concerned Citizens