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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Subject: The link to the recent recording of my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea to the CEC - (Nikola Latic).

Greetings,

Chair David Hochschild, Commissioner Karen Douglas, Silvia Paz, chair, and Lithium Valley Commissioners:

I am sending, for the record, the link to the recording of my recent presentation about my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea to the California Energy Committee (CEC). It is important that other commissioners, besides the commissioners Mr. Ryan Kelley and Mr. James Hanks, know about an option (my proposal) that incorporates restoration of the Salton Sea and the main subject of the Commission - harnessing lithium from geothermal brine. Although I needed more time, I think that it was enough for a summary for understanding the concept.

My proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea is a comprehensive design that besides a unique architectural solution and several breakthrough technologies in the energy industry (hydro, solar and geothermal) includes harnessing lithium from the salty water of the Salton Sea. That is about 1,000 tons of lithium per year in addition to harnessing lithium from geothermal brine.

Although my proposal for the restoration of the Salton Sea, with a few other proposals, is being reviewed by the panel of independent reviewers and the results will be disclosed the next year, I think that the Lithium Valley Commissioners need to understand the complexity of the Salton Sea' situation. It is important that the Commissioners understand, before they make their report, that there is an option to harness lithium from a geothermal reservoir without destroying the Lake.

The “current course of action” – the “Perimeter/Brine Lake” – that extraction of lithium from geothermal brine is based on – leads to “destruction” of the Salton Sea. The Lake would be smaller, saltier, smellier, and more polluted.

Here’s the link to the recording:

https://energy.zoom.us/rec/share/d4tAFmZFYEogg4_VQzKgnbEbbjsTG-o8xeJX9KRklp4uLlvOr7dCOz-9zrcMW-tW.JZXVajNyKAb3E9Of

When invited, I would be glad to answer any question that you might have.

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