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**Black Rock Geothermal Project comment**

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To All Stakeholders:

I would like to point out, for the record, again as I did in numerous public comments relevant to harnessing geothermal energy and the restoration of the Salton Sea, which should be coexistent the following:

The “current course of action” consists of two main projects (concepts in development or consideration) that are in serious conflict. Those two projects are not coexistent (synchronized):

- a) Extraction of lithium from geothermal brine that is based on a smaller Lake that has an exposed lakebed (playa) and requires related dust suppression projects, and
- b) Restoration of the Salton Sea that is based on the importation of seawater.

Those two concepts are in conflict because those two concepts (a) and (b) contradict each other. There is no logical reason for continuing with a smaller Lake that would have 200 square miles of the exposed lakebed (playa) and related expensive dust suppression projects that are doomed to fail because there is no water to support such dust suppression projects, and at the same time talking about importing seawater that would flood those dust suppression projects. Also, there is no logical explanation for continuing with a smaller Lake and related dust suppression projects and having the importation of seawater that would restore the water level of the Salton Sea of the 1950s and the 60s.

Currently proposed the **Black Rock Geothermal Project (BRGP), the Morton Bay Geothermal Project, and the Elmore North Geothermal Project** require for their function a substantial amount of water that we do not have either for support of shrinking Lake or expensive dust suppression projects or for mentioned geothermal power Plants.

The good news is that we do have an architectural plan (my design) that incorporates two mentioned concepts (a) and (b) in a functional self-sustaining Salton Sea and in the process of desalinization generating a substantial amount of electricity, potable water,



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and lithium costing only about \$15,000,000,000 and generating at least \$500,000,000 per year from clean renewable energy out of blue - literally.

The restoration of the Salton Sea is of enormous importance not just for the local population but for the environment - clean air, clean water, clean renewable energy, and the health of the population. Therefore, the Federal Government in cooperation with California State and relevant agencies CEC, CNRA, and CalEPA needs to form a mechanism to deal strictly with the Salton Sea issue. We have already lost a lot of time and money unnecessarily - just because of the incompetence of a few officials.

The mismanagement, competition, and disconnect among federal, state, and local agencies is obvious. Also, after the obvious 'collapse' of the UCSC Panel of independent reviewers (by losing their impartiality), I respectfully suggest that the appropriate way forward would be that the honorable top officials of the State and Federal governments initiate the speedy evaluation of my proposal with the new team of professionals that have the necessary expertise in all issues involved and that are independent with a 'backbone' – not to succumb under anyone's pressure.

Information about my proposal can be reached at my website at: [www.GeothermalWorldwide.com](http://www.GeothermalWorldwide.com). Go to "Our Technology". On dropdown options select "PRESENTATION – CNRA – 2018 - El Centro, CA". There is plenty of information there.

Here is the link too: <http://www.geothermalworldwide.com/ppp-cnra.html>

I would be glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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