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To: LittleHoover
Subject: Salton Sea

Attention: Vice Chairman Kaye,

Thanks you for the work you do in the effort to perfect the public experience of us all.

I have submitted material to the hearing, but would also ask you to represent the Salton Sea in this hearing. To this end I am offering my observations, honed over the last 15 years as regards the Salton Sea.

First and foremost, those agencies that seem to have been committed to a full restoration of the Salton Sea have mislead the public by their collective actions. Most of the public comment I read still envisions the Salton Sea in terms of what existed in the 70's when it was at it's zenith as a "recreational lake". And that is understandable when we consider these agencies have constantly referenced their efforts as "restoration". I have always felt it was a bad choice of words until it became clear to me that this was never the intention, only the promise.

Second, but very important is the subject of how we should accomplish the task of "Restoration". More schemes for restoration have been thought of than I can list. What is important is what we want to end up with. Do we want the lake as it was in the 70's? If so, that's about where the current waterline is located. But of course the salt has increased over the years dramatically since the 70's, making the lake useless for recreation. But the means to change that aspect is not a complicated or even very expensive proposition. I know this because I collaborated with CRM, Inc. in presentation of a very realistic plan.

I could never understand the "why" regarding the State decision to accept a Do Nothing Alternative until this year when I ran across a document relating to the drain water that supports the lake. This was a Minutes of the Board of IID and they were claiming rights to this water in a very formal manner for all to see. Dated 2004! This is an easy call for me, the State had "no water" to do anything. So do nothing had to be!

I am proposing we need a new "public entity" that will pry the water rights away from IID in whatever manner works, then adopt a plan to "restore" the Salton Sea, and I mean restoration of the entire Salton Sea, not just use the word for some ponds at one end! That's why I'm writing this letter to you. It will take a very strong voice to make it happen, but it's necessary. The consequences of not acting are catastrophic. Listen to what Mike Cohen says at the meeting. He's 100% right.

Sincerely,

Cliff Dove