

1. It is not my intention to degrade work or to criticize other proposals - but, we have to be fair and objective and support the best solution in the interest of the Salton Sea and our community. I welcome hearing criticisms of my proposal. In my opinion, we have to take out of the equation - ego, prestige, arrogance, personal interest, special interest, and politics.

2. One of the virtues of late Steve Jobs was the ability to “turn on dime”. The successful companies, when learn about some better solution/process, are able to make “turn on dime” despite already substantial investment in the previous solution/process.

3. I have seen quite a few proposals in last 30 years. Proposals such as connecting the Salton Sea with the Sea of Cortez with canal(s), or tunnel(s), or connecting the Salton Sea with Pacific Ocean with pipeline, etc. Most of those proposals are not neither feasible nor economical. The prevailing argument against them always was/is: “You want to bring more salt in already excessively salty lake – what are you going to do with salt?” etc. Also, the prevailing argument against it always was/is: “Who is going to pay for water circulation?”, etc. Those arguments have merit.

4. Also, recently someone proposed desalinization plant in Mexico (near the Sea of Cortez) and to bring that fresh water into the Salton Sea. The desalinization process, whether it is reverse osmosis or other process, is an expensive process. In the “reverse osmosis” process, there are filters to be changed regularly; needs substantial amount of electricity, etc. - who is going to pay for it, especially if the facility is in Mexico? Also, there is an obstacle - dealing with “other country issues”.

5. Regarding the proposal that IID initiated and TETRA-TECH is working on: It is based on acceptance of the presumption that the best solution is “a smaller sea option” and is dealing with the exposed bottom of the lake in the best possible way.

6. As you may know I am an inventor of the new methodology for harnessing geothermal energy. I have modified technology to accommodate the local situation at the Salton Sea. The restoration of the Salton Sea is a small part of my mission, but an important one. My mission doesn't stop with the restoration of the Salton Sea.

I am pushing for acceptance of my proposal and hoping that wisdom will prevail.

My proposal is the only proposal that addresses and solves all relevant issues comprehensively.

a) Raising and stabilizing the lake's waterline level - (not reducing it);

b) Preventing further pollution of the lake and treating farmland runoff waters and providing wildlife sanctuary;

c) The equalizing salinity of the salty terminal lake (Salton Sea) water with salinity of the Oceanic water and subsequently providing conditions for tourism and making Salton Sea a renewed recreational destination;

d) The harnessing prevalent geothermal source of the Salton Sea Geothermal Field (SSGF) for generation of electricity with the potential of generating revenue of hundreds of billion dollars in a few decades and will continue so in future; (not with conventional geothermal system but, more superior my SCI-GHE system); and

e) Production of, desperately needed, fresh water as a byproduct (from now oceanic water) without additional expenses for it.

7. The Phase I (Connecting the Salton Sea with 8 pipelines with the Ocean) is the most expensive part of the proposal, but it is imperative that we do it because it provides the conditions for remaining Phases II, III, IV and V which are profit makers.

8. I strongly believe that with my proposal, we can now get easier a grant or a long term funding from the state level and mostly from the federal level because now we have something valuable that provide return on investment and has tremendous economic potential and is attractive to environmentalists where momentum is now (I am one of them). Also, it is a breakthrough technology in the energy industry that we have been looking for in last 50 years.

9. I would like to mention that I had a meeting, about 3-5 minute, on May 14, 2014, with three members of the SSA's Technical Advisory Committee. I would like to add that about 3-5 minute presentation time for 64 pages material is definitely not enough for complete understanding a complex proposal. 3-5 minutes should be the only time for the Technical Advisory Committee to see if someone's concept has a merit or not - to proceed with it or not to lose time with it. But to understand the complete concept, especially if the concept has several elements and alternative options in it, than TAC should try to familiarize themselves with the concept by reading it thoroughly or requesting further meeting for more detailed elaborations. I doubt that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – in this case Mr. Bruce Wilcox, Agricultural water management, Mr. Roger Shintaku, General Manager, Mr. Daniel E. Farris, PE, Director of Operations, and Mr. Andy Schlange, completely understand my proposal. Also, I think that my proposal should have equal treatment and attention as IID / TETRA TECH proposal. If I am a member of the SSA, I would suggest to be selected a few proposals with merits, for example the IID / TETRA TECH proposal and my proposal, - I would give an equal opportunity to each, I would review it publicly, compare it, evaluate it, and if necessary use their expertise jointly and move forward.

9. At my meeting with TAC on May 14, 2014, it was my understanding that they liked my concept with the exception that I didn't have cost estimate. I am expecting to hear from FLUOR Enterprise next week at least about rough estimate for pipelines. It is my understanding that they, and other potential contractors/producers, are reluctant to put serious effort if I cannot pay them for their time. I am not a contractor and it is not my project. It is our project. I am an architect and it is my concept.

10. Of course, the cost estimate is an important factor to most of the project because if the initial investment of some project is bigger than return on investment, then that project is not feasible, but with respect to my proposal that question is "irrelevant". I addressed that question in my proposal to the SSA. In summary - if my proposal will generate hundreds billion dollars in a few decades and will continue so in the future, then whether the initial cost for it will be 9 billion or 17 billion or 30 billion it become "irrelevant".

11. This preliminary phase should include a team of several experts (several graduate students would be helpful) to communicate with dozen potential producers and contractors and work on the final (production) design, including NREL , TERA TECH, FLUOR, etc. and provide a reliable cost estimate for the project. In my opinion, it would be highly inappropriate to expect that I finance, with my credit cards, any phase of the project including exploratory phase.

12. I am pretty sure that we all want the best for our community – renewed Salton Sea, fresh water for farmland and community, clean energy, tourism, booming economy, etc. Hopefully, all parties involved will join the same view soon.