

Dear Little Hoover Commission and Team,

My name is Mark Angelo Padilla and I grew up in Fallbrook, California. I'm currently residing in Sun City taking care of my mother and grandmother, just a few hours drive from the Salton Sea. I work in Ontario, California on efficient electric propulsion & UAV technologies. I hope our letter finds you well and that you're able to communicate this

Since my friend Kerry Morrison from Fallbrook high school presented the concerns about the Salton Sea during our high school reunion, I have participated in an array of events to raise awareness about the Salton Sea.

It is imperative for our state to support our local community as the gravity of this matter has the capability of negatively impacting more than 4 counties around the inland empire, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego. Instead of letting the Salton Sea dry up and cost the state/counties wasteful spending to keep poisonous particulates from being carried up in dust storms toward heavily populated areas of California, we should reclaim the Salton Sea and turn it into a local oasis/vacation destination as well as a sea based fire fighting station.

Technology is already available to treat the water in the Salton Sea, and there are also ways to fill up the Salton Sea with water in a cost effective way while generating electricity. If we wait any longer, we'll spend more money later to mitigate poisonous dust particulates that is surely to effect the health of people in Southern California if we don't begin to act now and gain government support. The Salton Sea can be more than just a vacation spot, as it can become a future landing / docking strip for fire fighting aircraft. For example, we can take care of California's growing fire problems by adopting the Martin Mars program that is capable of flying 7,200 gallons of water or fire retardant material to effectively extinguish flames and save neighborhoods, families, people, children, elderly as well as animals and more. The Martin Mars aircraft can effectively take off from the Salton Sea and reach any fire prone southern California location in about 15 minutes as its top speed is 221mph. The Martin Mars is currently in Canada, but because they're not fighting many fires in Canada, the program is at jeopardy.. <http://www.martinmars.com/profile.htm> There are many potential uses for the Salton Sea. By raising ecological awareness and by gaining support from millennials and baby boomers, we can ensure future generations can enjoy clean air and beautiful land as the population continues to grow. As we all know, the land surrounding our counties will become more vital to the well being of our people and our state. If the state needs man power to help save the Salton Sea, I would love to join the team to help in any way by applying the project management, product development, engineering management and other skills I learned throughout my career to ultimately save lives and keep our state a healthy place.

Thank you & best regards.

Sincerely,

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