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MTC Public Information

Attn: Draft EIR Comments
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Dear MTC Public Information:

Californians face monumental changes as a result of global warming, global pandemics, and global markets. These changes effect key elements of Plan Bay Area 2050, including Housing, the Economy, Transportation, and the Environment. As a 40-year veteran of water policy, I’m raising questions about the environment and welcome your response.

Currently while the State is in severe drought which according to the State Water Resources plan to 2050 can only be cured by an increase in desalination units, decrease of agriculture water over to urban usage, and finally an increase in water reuse including water blending of tertiary treated wastewater with potable.

Cap and trade laws will not provide the money for the cure. Sensible use of fossil fuel (natural gas) can serve as a bridge until the development of third generation nuclear or fusion power can come online to supply the needed power for both desalination and water reuse.

In conclusion, it’s a simple question: Where’s the 30-year water supply and the funding to obtain it going to come from?

Sincerely,

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