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Dear Phil,

Peer Swan told me he had a recent conversation with you about waterbag technology and my meeting with A.G.

Peer said that he told you he feels there are only two locations in California where waterbag technology have applications; on the Monterey Peninsula and the Marin MWD.

According to Peer, an efficient use of waterbags in the Delta would require a continuous waterbag train moving through the Delta at a speed of 30 mph in order to make waterbags an effective Delta water conveyance tool.

I have great respect for Peer's intellect. Unfortunately, he is basing his analysis on the wrong assumptions about our waterbag Delta proposal. He overlooks what we are trying to accomplish with our waterbag Delta proposal. We are not suggesting that waterbag technology should be used to deliver 1,000,000 acre feet a year or more of water through the Delta. What we are suggesting is that waterbag technology be investigated by the Task Force in order to answer what Jeff Kightlinger and I agree is,

"The Quantity Question."

What are the capacity limits of waterbag technology, both as an emergency tool as well as a water delivery tool anywhere in California? What are the waterbag capacity limits for using waterbag technology in the Delta?

At this point, no one knows how much water can potentially be moved through the ocean and/or the Delta using waterbag technology. The numbers are easy to calculate, but the reality "*on the ground*" is unknown. Our plan is to first start with two waterbags linked in a train and see how they react in the Delta environment. We can continue to add the appropriate number and appropriately sized waterbags as this demonstration analysis progresses. We have developed a plan that should result in zero financial risk to California taxpayers in order to implement this demonstration voyage analysis.

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Perhaps we can only deliver 25 to 50 MGD of water from north of the Delta to a southern Delta and/or San Francisco Bay location during an emergency situation, such as may be caused by a major levee collapse event.

For example, if Contra Costa County is cut off from 50 MGD of its Delta water supply do you think they would object to receiving "only" 25 MGD of waterbag delivered water?

We don't pretend to propose waterbag technology as a solution to all the complex Delta questions. But we think waterbag technology may offer some solutions for some people in some circumstances. It should be given a fair and complete analysis and an opportunity to be proposed by the Task Force to demonstrate its potential applications in the Delta.

The only way the limits of waterbag technology can be evaluated is to begin to test these limits under actual Delta conditions.

The only way mankind moves forward is to test the limits of his creativity within the limits of his environment.

I hope the Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force will propose that the limits of waterbag technology as a Delta emergency water delivery tool should be tested in the Delta. At this moment, no one knows what these limits are.

I hope our team can contribute in some way in helping your task force determine these limits.

Best regards,



Terry G. Spragg

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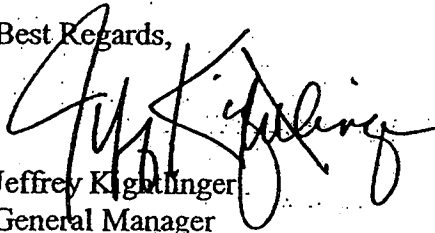
Dear Terry,

We have reviewed your proposal to the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force regarding a test of waterbag technology emergency applications in the Delta. Please feel free to inform the Task Force that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has reviewed your proposed waterbag technology and concluded that it is feasible and could potentially be applied for either emergency use or regular water supply.

My staff would be happy to discuss Metropolitan's conclusions on waterbag technology and applications with any member of the Task Force or Task Force staff who may wish to contact us.

Best of luck on your proposal for a demonstration of waterbag emergency applications in the Delta. Please keep us informed of developments as they occur.

Best Regards,


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From: Gershon Baskin [peace@netvision.net.il]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 2:45 PM

To: 'Terry Spragg'

Subject: my meeting with Head of PWA

Dear Terry

Today I had a very successful meeting with Dr. Shaddad Atili, the Head of the Palestinian Water Authority. We are old friends so it was good to see him. He had already reviewed the materials on the shipping of water from Turkey. I provided him with some more background about my talks with the Turkish government. He had seen the DVD. We discussed some of the economics and the strategy to take to convince the skeptics about the idea. He agreed that we did not have to link the bringing of water from Turkey to Gaza to the political negotiations on water with Israel. He did think, however that it would be advantageous to the Palestinians to discuss the possible off-loading of the water in Israel and then having Israel transfer the quantity of water brought in to Gaza through the Israeli system. This would require no infrastructure development in Gaza for which there are great difficulties.

He was quite enthusiastic about the idea. He says that the water crisis in Gaza is beyond imagination and that they need more water urgently. He will speak with his colleagues in the Ministry of Planning who met with Representatives of the Turkish Government. I will also clarify with the Turkish Ambassador in Tel Aviv how to move forward now in getting the Turkish commitment firmed up. The Turkish Ambassador is on holiday in Turkey so I will try to speak with his Deputy in the coming days.

I think that we made great progress today. It was definitely the best meeting that I have held on this issue since I have been involved.

Best wishes

Gershon

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