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You are missing a trend in California -the diminishment and eventual destruction of the California Environmental Protection Act CEQA. We, in California , should be leading the nation on the protection of our natural resources. Instead, we allow billionaire developers (SB 292) to dictate their preferences over the good of the public as a whole.

Little mentioned, is the effects on the water and the downstream ocean. This plan assumes that everyone is playing an equal game.

That assumption is wrong.

You need to include review of municipalities General Plans and their Elements along with the CEQA mitigation and, more importantly, the monitoring.

This is California 's direct impact on the waters of the ocean and/or the threat of waters of the ocean on the state's water supply.

Information needs to be localized-based on factual data applicable to the geography, weather and other aspects based on reality.

You need to review your State agencies. Do the agencies deliver the reports needed to quantify the issues and resolve the problems.

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is a sample of an agency disconnected from the legislation that guides their existence. Without public involvement and citizen oversight, the Santa Monica Bay is expected to remain a problem of water quality.

You do not state a need to verify that an agency is operating under the law and with monies directed to the proper accounts with grants delivered as stated. There is no mention of audits and accountability.

Work plans need to be reviewed and placed under an umbrella under one direction and with elimination of redundancies.

You state:

In order to maximize these benefits, coordinated partnerships to effectively advance MPA management, enforcement, monitoring, education, and outreach are necessary among a broad range of public and private entities who are engaged in marine resource protection and restoration activities

You are introducing Public Private Partnerships without introducing the role of Conflicts of Interests Codes and the Protection of the State's Assets from Private Monetization.

Specifically, you state:

Public-private funding partnerships developed to support information systems and information access tools.

How are you incorporating due process into the issues. How can we trust information as accurate.

Controls need to be part of this Strategic Plan under the Federal and State Constitutions.

You also need to recognize that there are parties that wish to hide contamination issues and/or the breaking of the law. Some are just pure profit motivation, at the public's expense.

You do not approach this Strategic Plan with a need for enforcement.

You also do not approach jurisdictional issues-key to enforcement.

You also need to project disasters such as salt water intrusion and the costs.

These policy ideas can cost billions-not realistic to today's economy.

You have cut out any role for the public and are not even considering that public education and awareness may be the beneficial way of protection of the oceans.

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