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Subject: Submittal of Comments Item 10 ...



Jeanine,

I would appreciate conformation that my comments are entered into the record, and posted accordingly. Thank you.

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Grape and nut glut drying up Golden State : Indybay

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My name is Patrick Porgans, Solutionist, Porgans/Associates, since 1973, providing consulting services to clients throughout the West and serves as a de facto public trustee assisting and or compelling government officials to perform their functions in a manner consistent with the law. In that period of time, I authored more than 80 Fact-Finding reports on water- and water-related issues in the West. Provided invaluable assistance to Marc Reisner for his book entitled, *Cadillac Desert, The American West and Its Disappearing Water* (major contribution on State Water Project financing).

I am the author of "Truth De-Code-It", which provides insight on why the "Manifest Destiny Script" is not working, how wealthy land-gentry billionaires are using the tax base, the state's credit rating, General Fund, General Obligation Bonds, and publicly-owned natural resources to amass and sustain ill-gain fortunes. (Truth De-Code-It focuses on ways to mutually coexist and to empower ourselves to make change, one person, one day at a time.)

Article begins here:

Grape and nut glut drying up Golden State's watering holes, Part I

California water officials and mainstream media assertions this epic drought caused socioeconomic and financial disaster to state's economy is not supported by the facts published in government reports.

Three years into the drought and the Golden State Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reached a record of \$2.31 trillion, agricultural revenues higher than ever, statewide building permits doubled, and more water-guzzling permanent crops planted. (Latest published GDP figures.)

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Californians inundated by a plethora of mainstream-media bytes predicting Draconian consequence from this "epic drought" water experts and public-relations firms branded the worst in 500-years are perplexed by drought-flood news accounts aired simultaneously. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/30/california-drought-effects-500-years_n_4647539.html

Mean while, government officials, water contractors, and mainstream media, whine about the dire impacts of the so-called worst drought in California since the 1500s, the record, show they're reaping windfall profits.

Public records attest that the Golden State's economy, tax revenue stream, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reached all-time highs during four years of drought. In the third year of the drought, the state's GDP was a record-breaker.

"In 2014, the State's GDP was ranked as the 7th or 8th largest economy in the world, based on traditional measurements [just below France and above Brazil]. On June 10 [2015], the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis released its preliminary estimates of state gross domestic product (GDP) for 2014, as we described in a blog post last week. California's 2014 GDP—the value of all goods and services produced here—was estimated at \$2.31 trillion. There are different estimates of countries' GDP." <http://www.lao.ca.gov/LAOEconTax/Article/Detail/90>

That number is the latest number published by the government (www.bea.gov)

Epic drought generates the largest budget in State's history: Last month, Governor Jerry Brown proposed the largest budget in California's history; \$170 billion, of which, \$120 billion comes from the State's General Fund revenue stream; with additional billions earmarked by Brown to the "Rainy Day" fund. This surplus of funds is collected tax revenue; almost 70 percent of the \$120 billion is derived from personal income tax. Today, the Rainy Day Fund is at 37 percent of its constitutional target (10 percent of General Fund tax revenues) amounts to \$12 billion to be held in reserve! The Budget proposes to bring the Rainy Day Fund to a balance of 65 percent. <http://ebudget.ca.gov/FullBudgetSummary.pdf>

This March, government and water industry officials responded to the good news by extending mandatory water cutback! California's economy has expanded during the past seven years. Read more... www.planetarysolutionaries.org
For more articles and FACT SHEETS, Google, Patrick Porgans water. You can reach me by telephone 916-543-0780. Thank you.