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Comment received.

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Comments/Questions: My concerns are regard the following paragraph from "Water -- Phase II Report" which was in an email I received today:

"The elephant in the room that the committee has failed to address is the issue of CAP water and salt. Specifically, according to some scientific studies, Tucson's full allotment of CAP water will bring 200,000 metric tons of salt to our valley each year. (The average railroad boxcar holds 100 tons of material.) While some will privately acknowledge the challenges this presents, no one has been willing to publicly address this issue. Perhaps it is the cost associated with removing salt from the CAP water. These include the construction of a desalinization plant, estimated at close to \$500,000 plus the annual operating and maintenance costs, estimated at \$25 million, plus the problem of disposing of the waste product. Doing nothing creates long-term risks to our infrastructure, soil and our health. This is a problem that requires imaginative problem-solving, and the Phase II report avoided this challenge."

Being a former PCWWM employee (now retired), I know how things get swept under the rug. However, by not doing anything about desalinization just passes the buck over o the homeowner like myself in added health issues (i.e.: high blood pressure) and damage to the infrastructure of our homes. It becomes a pay now issue (build a desalinization plant) or a pay later issue (health and/or home repairs).

WWM Director had lots of plans for future development. Shouldn't desalinization be part of them?

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