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I've spent most of my last year focused on Walking Water and gradually building it up to be a viable project together with Gigi, Shay, and Win.

Walking Water completes its second year in envisioning, planning and moving with the issues emerging in the Valley - as a micro example of the world situation. The year has seen a small group of committed people becoming a coordination team, a deepening in relations with the Paiute Tribe and local community members, a website, a number of successful funding proposals, deepening relations with core cooperation partners, a strong core team holding the vision and the concrete next steps. And very soon we will have a short video made for us by a very talented film maker.

In order to weave in a number of other projects which will give added substance, such as water-retention design programs and community gardens, we have decided to hold Walking Water over a three-year period, starting with the first phase in Sept. 1 – 21, 2015, walking from Mono Lake to Owens Lake with focus on bringing together some of the major stakeholders in the Valley and Los Angeles, Tribal representatives, water activists, and community members from around the world.

I give huge thanks to all who have gifted this initiative so far - with money, time, material items, wisdom, and belief in the vision. In particular a big thanks to Gigi and Win for their trust and mentorship in a project which seems to be guiding my life. Walking Water is a great example of a project that lives from the profound work already done by our Elders.

After 15 years of lived experience in community (Tamera) I began exploring what it means to teach and share about community practices within the frame of Council in 2014. I offered together with others, a community course at SOAR, Greece and then went on to expand and ground that vision together with a good friend in Israel/Palestine where we offered a course in Community and Ceremony. During the course in Israel, held in a Jewish village with riots and fighting happening in the neighboring Druze village, helicopters circling and

constant aircraft going toward Gaza gave a profound meaning to the notion of being in circle, of sharing stories of hope and transformation, and grieving together for what is happening there in the Holy Land. In 2015 we will offer three more courses in Israel and one together with Palestinian partners in a center where both Israelis and Palestinians can come together with a focus on Community and Vision.

It means so much to be able to serve/offer/work within the frame of Beyond Boundaries – it is hugely inspiring to start from the place of the dream, from vision, from abundance, and from there see what is happening in the world and find the place where I can best serve.