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3. Reading

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Problems are

- Too high salt contents in water (brackish water)
- Poor soil conditions, sandy or salty or both
- Most plants die or have extremely low productivity
- Low water retention in soil creates significant water loss and dries out soil quickly
- The salt crystallizes in the water and clogs the interstices of the soil. The water does not reach the roots

Presently offered solution

Reverse osmosis is an answer to brackish water problems:

- All minerals are filtered out by membranes
- The required minerals (fertilizers) need to be added afterwards
- · Investment and operational costs are high
- · Negative impacts on the environment

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