



AGENDA: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
DATE: **Thursday, September 20, 2018**
10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: **Imperial Irrigation District**
Bill Condit Auditorium
1285 Broadway Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-9618

Director V. Manuel Perez will be attending via videoconference from:
Riverside County District 4 Office
Conference Room
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 222
Palm Desert, CA 92260-2574
(760) 863-8211

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time set aside for any Board Member to ask questions or address any issue posed by a member of the public.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction. **This Public Comments time is reserved for matters not already on the agenda. The law prohibits members of the Board from taking action on matters not on the agenda.***

Citizens are invited to speak on any item listed in the agenda upon presentation of that item.

Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Board.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of June 28, 2018
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for June 2018
- C. Warrant Register Ratification for July 2018
- D. Warrant Register Ratification for August 2018
- E. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2017 – 6/30/2018

F. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2018 – 7/31/2018

G. Resolution Designating Authorized Signatories for SSA's Bank Accounts

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Leadership Recognition Plaque to Director G. Patrick O'Dowd

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider adoption of resolution to accept funds from the state of California for Torres Martinez Wetlands Phase II.

B. Consider adoption of resolution in support of Intercounty MOU on Perimeter Lake

VII. REPORTS

A. General Manager's Report on Activities – (Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority)

B. Legislative Update – (Phillip Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority)

C. Federal and State Partner Reports:

1. FEDERAL: US Bureau of Reclamation – (Genevieve Johnson, Program Manager for the Salton Sea)

2. STATE: Salton Sea Management Program – (Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy)

D. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – (Ray Lennox, Acting Sector Superintendent, California State Parks)

E. Salton Sea Action Committee – (Juan DeLara, President)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

Thursday, October 18, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Coachella Valley Water District

Steve Robbins Administration Building

75515 Hovley Lane East

Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 398-2651

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 28, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority” or “SSA”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order by G. Patrick O’Dowd, President, at 10:01 a.m., June 28, 2018, at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92260, (760) 398-2651.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director O’Dowd led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

G. Patrick O’Dowd, President
James C. Hanks, Vice-President
Thomas Torte, Secretary
Marion Ashley, Director
Ryan E. Kelley, Director
John Renison, Director
Altrena Santillanes, Director*
V. Manuel Perez, Director

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
Riverside County
Imperial County
Imperial County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
Riverside County

** Director Santillanes arrived at 10:10, during public comment.*

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

John Renison, Director

AGENCY

Imperial County

In keeping with the Salton Sea Authority Bylaws, there being at least three of the five member agencies represented, and a single Director carrying the vote of both Directors when the second Director of the same agency is absent, a Quorum was declared, and the meeting proceeded.

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Cástulo R. Estrada, Treasurer
Erik J. Ortega, Director

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director/General Manager
Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Bob Morriss
Dan Farris
Crystal Howard
Paul DiAmico
Pat Cooper
Darran Simon
Fritz Bachli
Jaci Gould
Jeff Geraci
Vickie Doyle
Sandra Clark
Rebecca Zaragoza
Cesar Gutiérrez
Robert Betancourt
Charlotte Betancourt
Jeremy Hobbs
Nikola Lakic
Melanie Cox
Mike Sutton
Esmeralda Perez
Bob Wright
Andy Vossler
Nasseer Idrisi
Carla Scheidlinger
Azucena Beltran
Christian Rodriguez
Byron Clark
Jacqueline Lopez
Guadalupe Centeno
Joel Soto
Richard Taminosian
Varak Yaralian
Alberto Ramirez
Lorraine Salas

AGENCY

Environmental Solutions
CVWD
EnviroMine
Agess Inc.
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Office
SDSU IVC
Boston University
Bureau of Reclamation
CRWQCB
IID
SSA
LCJA
CIRS
DAS North Shore
DAS North Shore
Western Wind Foundation
Geothermal World Wide
SSAC/RTSS
SSAC
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Office
EVC/EDA
SSAC
CDFW
Wood E and I
KDI
KDI
First Team Real Estate
Congressman Ruiz
Congressman Ruiz
Congressman Ruiz
Visitor
Visitor
Torres Martinez Tribe

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Director Hanks reported that there's a push to get the drought contingency plan talks back on track. There will be a meeting July 30 in Park City, Utah. The Secretary of the Bureau asked that the agencies bring proposals for August 1 with a goal set for some type of agreement to be presented in December at the CRWUA meeting. All of these discussions will have some type of impact on the Salton Sea.
- B. After public comments, Director Kelley reported that, last Tuesday, the Riverside County and Imperial County agreed to a memorandum of understanding that identified the perimeter lake, which includes a north lake and a south lake, for a long-term solution for the Salton Sea. He said that the perimeter lake concept is not in conflict with the importation scenario: if there were an opportunity to bring in seawater, a perimeter lake could be breached and modified to be able to accommodate that new supply of water. He does not see this as a static document. This was discussed further by the Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by Nikola Lakic, Robert Betancourt, Lorraine Salas, Fritz Bachli, and Nathan White with project manager Paul DiAmico. An additional public comment by Byron Clark was accepted at the end of the meeting.

** Director Santillanes arrived at 10:10, during public comment.*

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of May 24, 2018
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for May 2018
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2017 – 4/30/2018

*Director Ashley **moved** that the Consent Calendar be approved. **Seconded** by Director Torte. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider approval of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Salton Sea Authority and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians for the TM Wetlands Phase II Project.

SSA GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater introduced the matter and Director O'Dowd commented.

*Director Kelley **moved** to approve the proposed MOU. **Seconded** by Director Perez. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

- B. Consider adoption of proposed Salton Sea Authority annual budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Mr. Rosentrater gave a brief, recent history that led to the two options being presented. The directors were given the choice of Option A that would continue the current revenue structure and keep the annual member assessments at status quo, or Option B that would consider a reduction of the annual member assessment, which would in turn reduce the reserves.

Staff recommended selection of Option A because of the need to ramp up action in anticipation of additional projects, going forward, to meet expectations and demands. Mr. Rosentrater asked for the Board's consideration of the approval of Option A.

*Director Hanks **moved** that Option A be approved; **seconded** by Director Ashley.*

Roll call vote was taken.

***Yea:** Directors Renison, Santillanes, Ashley, O'Dowd, Hanks, Tortez, and Perez*

***Nay:** Director Kelley*

- C. Election of Officers

1. Election of President of Board

*Director Renison **nominated** Director Tortez as President. **Seconded** by Director Hanks. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

2. Election of Vice-President of Board

*Director Hanks **nominated** Director Estrada as Vice-President. **Seconded** by Director Perez. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

3. Election of Treasurer of Board

*Director Kelley **nominated** Director Ortega as Treasurer. **Seconded** by Directors Renison. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

4. Election of Secretary of Board

*Director Kelley **nominated** Director Renison as Secretary. **Seconded** by Director Hanks. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

VII. REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report on Activities

Phil Rosentrater, Salton Sea Authority's GM/Executive Director, invited questions or comments on his report. There were none.

- B. Legislative Update

Phillip Johnson, Salton Sea Authority's Assistant Executive Director, reported on what was done for the Prop 68 informational campaign and discussed the Farm Bill.

Staff recommended Support on H.R. 5895 (Simpson) Energy & Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019.

Director Kelley moved to support H.R. 5895 (Simpson). Seconded by Director Hanks. Unanimously carried by roll call vote.

C. Standing Report

1. FEDERAL: Ms. Jacklynn Gould, Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), said they are excited about the state's funding of Salton Sea programs, and that it looks that there is some movement federally to help with solutions as well. The BOR proposed projects are in rescission this year, and they have not yet heard back on them.
2. STATE: Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy, was unable to attend this meeting to present a report.

D. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC)

Juan DeLara, President of SSAC, reported that Prop 68 passed, congratulated Director Hanks and Director Perez on their elections, and thanked Director/Supervisor Ashley for all he has done over the years. Mr. DeLara acknowledged several members of the SSAC Board who were present and thanked Frank Ruiz, Audubon California's Salton Sea Program Director, on behalf of the Audubon Society for their focus on and support of the Salton Sea. The SSAC had published its new brochure, which he distributed to the SSA directors, inviting their feedback

(Public comment by Byron Clark.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Chairman O'Dowd invited a motion to adjourn. Director Perez so moved. Seconded by Director Tortez. There being no objection,* the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

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(760) 482-9618

Checking Account Activity **June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018**



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
06/04/2018	16390	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16391	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16392	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16393	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16394	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16395	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16396	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16397	Void Check	VOID
06/04/2018	16398	AMEC	-378.24
06/04/2018	16399	Bravata, Lisa	-157.51
06/04/2018	16400	Tetra Tech - 214	-816.40
06/04/2018	16401	Torres Martinez	-3,639.35
06/04/2018	16402	AMEC	-854.61
06/04/2018	16403	Tetra Tech - 214	-548.50
06/04/2018	16404	Torres Martinez	-12,155.25
06/04/2018	16405	AMEC	-235.04
06/04/2018	16406	Tetra Tech - 214	-1,053.08
06/04/2018	16407	Tetra Tech - 214	-3,195.34
06/04/2018	16408	Tetra Tech - 214	-140.24
06/04/2018	16409	Tetra Tech - 214	-19,781.43
06/15/2018	16414	RivCo EDA	-12,336.39
06/15/2018	16410	Allied	-680.00
06/15/2018	16411	Best, Best & Krieger	-3,127.59
06/15/2018	16412	CalMutuals	-100.00
06/15/2018	16413	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	-4,807.15
06/15/2018	16415	Rosentrater, Phil	-705.78
06/30/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	-573.05
06/30/2018	EFT	Pitney Bowes	-61.07
06/30/2018	EFT	American Express	-5,012.53
06/30/2018	EFT	Bank Service Charge	-60.00

Total \$ (70,418.55)

Checking Account Activity
July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
07/05/2018	16416	Burke/Rix Communications	-434.18
07/05/2018	16417	Central Printer Resources	-68.00
07/05/2018	16418	Johnson, Phillip	-500.32
07/05/2018	16419	Rosentrater, Phil	-60.03
07/10/2018	EFT	Transfer from Money Market Account	100,000.00
07/16/2018	EFT	American Express	-3,710.77
07/17/2018	16420	Best, Best & Krieger	-1,800.20
07/17/2018	16421	Johnson, Phillip	-372.89
07/17/2018	16422	RivCo EDA	-11,563.95
07/17/2018	16423	Riverside County	-75,000.00
07/17/2018	16424	Rosentrater, Phil	-580.43
07/17/2018	16425	SystemGo IT LLC	-699.50
07/25/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	-228.97
07/31/2018	EFT	Bank Service Charge	-25.00

Total \$ 4,955.76

Checking Account Activity
August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
08/23/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	-228.97
08/29/2018	16426	Allied	-3,573.00
08/29/2018	16427	Best, Best & Krieger	-938.40
08/29/2018	16428	Central Printer Resources	-301.53
08/29/2018	16429	Johnson, Phillip	-445.86
08/29/2018	16398	VOID	VOID
08/29/2018	16431	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	-3,583.75
08/29/2018	16432	RivCo HR	-416.00
08/29/2018	16433	Rosentrater, Phil	-792.06
08/29/2018	16434	SystemGo IT LLC	-949.50
08/29/2018	16435	Replenish Petty Cash	-133.71

Total \$ (11,362.78)

Salton Sea Authority

Profit & Loss

July 2017 - June 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
1 INCOME				
2 Local Gov/Member Assessments	\$ 610,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610,000
3 State of California Grants	-	236,937	-	236,937
4 Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	1,199	-	-	1,199
5 Miscellaneous Revenue	10,409	-	-	10,409
6 TOTAL INCOME	621,608	236,937	-	858,546
7 EXPENSE				
8 SSA Administration				
9 Salaries				
10 Salaries - GM / Executive Director	125,000	-	-	125,000
11 Executive Director Support	25,059	-	-	25,059
12 Admin Support A	50,051	-	-	50,051
13 Admin Support B	15,217	-	-	15,217
14 Total Salaries	215,327	-	-	215,327
15 Employee Benefits				
16 Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.	36,672	-	-	36,672
17 Employee Benefits - SSA	44,663	-	-	44,663
18 Total Employee Benefits	81,335	-	-	81,335
19 Contract Service / Professional				
20 Admin Support B	26,828	-	-	26,828
21 Executive Support	47,726	-	-	47,726
22 Finance / CPA	79,225	-	-	79,225
23 Finance - Admin Support	6,098	-	-	6,098
24 Audit	9,692	-	-	9,692
25 Total Contract Service / Professional	169,568	-	-	169,568
26 Contract Attorney	24,008	-	-	24,008
27 Equipment Maintenance	8,725	-	-	8,725
29 Equipment Lease	538	-	-	538
30 Insurance	9,976	-	-	9,976
31 Office Exp/Operating Supplies	3,580	-	-	3,580
32 Office Exp/Online Services	1,010	-	-	1,010
33 Postage, Mail	1,126	-	-	1,126
34 Printing Services	1,213	-	-	1,213
35 Dues, Subscriptions	11,582	-	-	11,582
36 Communications	10,959	-	-	10,959
37 Travel/Mileage	83,680	-	-	83,680

Salton Sea Authority

Profit & Loss

July 2017 - June 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
38 Total SSA Administration	622,626	-	-	622,626
39 Wetlands Grant Administration				
40 Contract Svcs/Attorney	1,233	3,580	-	4,813
41 Contract Svcs/Accountant	-	14,135	-	14,135
42 Total Wetlands Grant Administration	1,233	17,715	-	18,948
43 Wetlands Grant Technical				
44 Contract Svcs/LCP	-	8,724	-	8,724
45 Contract Svcs/Construction	-	142,902	-	142,902
46 Transfer In/Out Grant Administration	(55,163)	55,163	-	-
47 Total Wetlands Grant Technical	(55,163)	206,788	-	151,626
48 TOTAL EXPENSE	568,696	224,503	-	793,200
49 NET INCOME	\$ 52,912	\$ 12,434	\$ -	\$ 65,346

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Salton Sea Authority

Balance Sheet

July 2017 - June 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
1 ASSETS					
2 Current Assets					
3 Checking/Savings					
4 Cash - Checking	\$ 91,883	\$ (62,499)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,383
5 Cash - Money Market	239,962	122,863	-	20,991	383,815
6 Cash - RivCo Fund	29,017	-	-	-	29,017
7 RivCo investment fund	1,185	-	-	-	1,185
8 Cash - Petty Cash	200	-	-	-	200
9 Total Checking/Savings	362,246	60,363	-	20,991	443,601
10 Accounts Receivable	-	45,733	-	-	45,733
11 Other Current Assets					
12 Due from Other Funds	106,096	-	-	-	106,096
Prepaid Items	680	-	-	-	680
13 Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-
14 Total Other Current Assets	106,776	-	-	-	106,776
15 Total Current Assets	469,022	106,096	-	20,991	596,110
16 TOTAL ASSETS	469,022	106,096	-	20,991	596,110
17 LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
18 Liabilities					
19 Current Liabilities					
20 Accounts Payable	23,049	-	-	-	23,049
21 Credit Cards					
22 Credit Card Payable	4,730	-	-	-	4,730
23 Credit Card Payable (AE)	3,787	-	-	-	3,787
24 Total Credit Cards	8,517	-	-	-	8,517
25 Other Current Liabilities					
26 Due to Other Funds	-	106,096	-	-	106,096
27 Accrued Expenditures	38,477	-	-	-	38,477
28 Deferred Revenue	-	45,733	-	-	45,733
29 Accrued Vacation	8,911	-	-	-	8,911
30 Total Other Current Liabilities	47,388	151,830	-	-	199,217
31 Total Current Liabilities	78,954	151,830	-	-	230,783
32 Total Liabilities	78,954	151,830	-	-	230,783
33 Equity					
34 Fund Balance	337,157	(58,167)	-	20,991	299,981
35 Net Income	52,912	12,434	-	-	65,346
36 Total Equity	390,069	(45,733)	-	20,991	365,327
37 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 469,022	\$ 106,096	\$ -	\$ 20,991	\$ 596,110

Salton Sea Authority
Profit & Loss
July 2018

General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
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1 **INCOME**

2	Local Gov/Member Assessments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3	State of California Grants	-	-	-	-
4	Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	66	-	-	66
5	Miscellaneous Revenue	76	-	-	76
6	TOTAL INCOME	143	-	-	143

7 **EXPENSE**

8 **SSA Administration**

9 **Salaries**

10	Salaries - GM / Executive Director	1,806	-	-	1,806
11	Executive Director Support	4,160	-	-	4,160
12	Admin Support A	3,531	-	-	3,531
13	Admin Support B	2,771	-	-	2,771

14	Total Salaries	12,269	-	-	12,269
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15 **Employee Benefits**

16	Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.	465	-	-	465
17	Employee Benefits - SSA	5,927	-	-	5,927

18	Total Employee Benefits	6,392	-	-	6,392
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19 **Contract Service / Professional**

22	Finance / CPA	3,584	-	-	3,584
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25	Total Contract Service / Professional	3,584	-	-	3,584
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26	Contract Attorney	883	-	-	883
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27	Equipment Maintenance	950	-	-	950
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28	Capital Equipment (Over \$5K)	-	-	-	-
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30	Insurance	4,253	-	-	4,253
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31	Office Exp/Operating Supplies	84	-	-	84
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32	Office Exp/Online Services	219	-	-	219
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33	Postage, Mail	49	-	-	49
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34	Printing Services	-	-	-	-
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35	Dues, Subscriptions	5,073	-	-	5,073
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Salton Sea Authority
Profit & Loss
July 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
36 Communications	229	-	-	229
37 Travel/Mileage	3,579	-	-	3,579
38 Technical Support - Consultant	-	-	-	-
39 Technical Support - Engineering	-	-	-	-
40 Technical Support - General	-	-	-	-
41 Contract Svc / Website	-	-	-	-
42 Utilities	-	-	-	-
43 Grants & Advocacy	-	-	-	-
44 Project Manager	-	-	-	-
45 Total SSA Administration	37,563	-	-	37,563
46 Wetlands Grant Administration				
47 Contract Svcs/Attorney	55	-	-	55
49 Total Wetlands Grant Administration	55	-	-	55
50 Wetlands Grant Technical				
51 Contract Svcs/LCP	-	-	-	-
52 Contract Svcs/Construction	-	-	-	-
53 Transfer In/Out Grant Administration	-	-	-	-
54 Total Wetlands Grant Technical	-	-	-	-
55 TOTAL EXPENSE	37,618	-	-	37,618
56 NET INCOME	\$ (37,475)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (37,475)

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Salton Sea Authority
Balance Sheet
July 2018

General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
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1 ASSETS

2 Current Assets

3 Checking/Savings

4 Cash - Checking	\$ 141,934	\$ (62,499)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,435
5 Cash - Money Market	90,028	122,863	-	20,991	233,882
6 Cash - RivCo Fund	87,464	-	-	-	87,464
7 RivCo investment fund	1,185	-	-	-	1,185
8 Cash - Petty Cash	200	-	-	-	200

9 Total Checking/Savings	320,811	60,363	-	20,991	402,165
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10 Accounts Receivable	610,000	45,733	-	-	655,733
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11 Other Current Assets

12 Due from Other Funds	106,096	-	-	-	106,096
13 Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-

14 Total Other Current Assets	106,096	-	-	-	106,096
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15 Total Current Assets	1,036,907	106,096	-	20,991	1,163,995
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16 TOTAL ASSETS	1,036,907	106,096	-	20,991	1,163,995
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17 LIABILITIES & EQUITY

18 Liabilities

19 Current Liabilities

20 Accounts Payable	10,283	-	-	-	10,283
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21 Credit Cards

22 Credit Card Payable (Visa)	5,871	-	-	-	5,871
23 Credit Card Payable (AE)	1,532	-	-	-	1,532

24 Total Credit Cards	7,403	-	-	-	7,403
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25 Other Current Liabilities

26 Due to Other Funds	-	106,096	-	-	106,096
27 Accrued Expenditures	40,748	-	-	-	40,748
28 Deferred Revenue	610,000	45,733	-	-	655,733
29 Accrued Vacation	8,911	-	-	-	8,911

30 Total Other Current Liabilities	659,659	151,830	-	-	811,488
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31 Total Current Liabilities	677,344	151,830	-	-	829,174
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32 Total Liabilities	677,344	151,830	-	-	829,174
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33 Equity

34 Fund Balance	397,038	(45,733)	-	20,991	372,296
35 Net Income	(37,475)	-	-	-	(37,475)

36 Total Equity	359,563	(45,733)	-	20,991	334,821
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37 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 1,036,907	\$ 106,096	\$ -	\$ 20,991	\$ 1,163,995
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Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: September 20, 2018
Re: SSA Resolution No. 18-02 Updating Signatories on SSA Bank Accounts
CM No. IV.G – 09-20-2018

BACKGROUND:

At the June 28, 2018 Salton Sea Authority (SSA) Board meeting, new officers were elected to the Board, which necessitates a change in signatories on the SSA bank accounts.

The bank requires a copy of a resolution from the Board to authorize the new signatories on Salton Sea Authority's accounts and to remove all prior signatories.

SSA's bylaws state that the Treasurer shall be the depository of funds. Traditionally, the President, Vice-President, and GM/Executive Director have also been designated as signatories to ensure availability of two signatories, as required, at any given time.

The attached proposed resolution includes Director Torteza (President), Director Estrada (Vice-President), Director Ortega (Treasurer), and GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater as signatories, and the removal of any others who might remain in the bank's records.

Attached please find proposed Salton Sea Authority Resolution 18-02, entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority Designating Officials Authorized to Sign Warrants and Checks, Transfer Funds, and Access Safe Deposit Box," for your consideration, which updates the signatories to show the current President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and GM/Executive Director as signatories.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve SSA Resolution No. 18-02, entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority Designating Officials Authorized to Sign Warrants and Checks, Transfer Funds, and Access Safe Deposit Box."

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 18-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY DESIGNATING OFFICIALS
AUTHORIZED TO SIGN WARRANTS AND CHECKS,
TRANSFER FUNDS, AND ACCESS SAFE DEPOSIT BOX**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority), assembled in regular meeting this 20th day of September 2018, that the Rabobank is instructed to honor Authority warrants or checks written on accounts in the name of the Salton Sea Authority executed by any two of the following designated officials: Thomas Torte, Jr., President; Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President; Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer; and Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rabobank is instructed to honor any transfer of funds by means of written instructions by order of any two designated officials: Thomas Torte, Jr., President; Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice President; Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer; and Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all warrants and checks, and instructions to transfer funds will require at least one original signature of those persons herein defined whose signatures appear at the foot of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the second signature for warrants and checks, and instructions to transfer funds may be an original signature or a facsimile signature (stamp) appearing at the foot of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rabobank is instructed to honor access to safe deposit box(es) executed by any two of the following designated officials: Thomas Torte, Jr., President; Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President; Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer; and Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director, whose signatures appear at the foot of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior authorizations to sign warrants and checks, transfer funds and access safe deposit box(es) are hereby rescinded; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to Rabobank.

Thomas Tortez, Jr.
President

Cástulo R. Estrada
Vice-President

Erik J. Ortega
Treasurer

Phil Rosentrater
General Manager/Executive Director

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY) ss.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY)

I, John Renison, Secretary of the Salton Sea Authority, a Joint Powers Agency of the State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 18-02 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 20th day of September 2018, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 20th day of September 2018.

John Renison
Secretary of the Salton Sea Authority
and of the Board of Directors thereof

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: September 20, 2018
Re: Presentation of Leadership Recognition Plaque to Director G. Patrick O'Dowd
CM No. V.A – 09-20-2018

GENERAL:

The Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors is pleased to present a Leadership Recognition plaque to Director G. Patrick O'Dowd in grateful recognition of his leadership as Chairman of the Board of Salton Sea Authority 2017-2018.

During the term of Director O'Dowd's leadership, the Salton Sea Authority delivered the Torres Martinez Wetlands Project which is the very first state-funded project to be completed at the Salton Sea. The Salton Sea Authority served as lead agency, working in partnership with the tribe under contract with the state of California to complete the project on time and under budget. The wetlands provides valuable habitat and dust control to Salton Sea playa on Torres Martinez land.

The SSA also provided critical support and information awareness that helped lead to the approval of Proposition 68 by the California voters. Proposition 68 is a bond issue that includes \$200 million for Salton Sea restoration. The funds will help realize the goals of the Salton Sea Management Program that aims to cover nearly 30,000 acres of exposed playa. Within that allocation is \$30 million for the SSA and \$170 million to the California Natural Resources Agency to help implement the Program.

President O'Dowd also played a critical role in the team of SSA member agencies with San Diego County Water Authority that challenged the state commitment to fulfilling its obligations to the terms of the QSA, and pressed for more well-defined terms of state performance in a 10-Year Plan as a subset of the state's Salton Sea Management Plan. His efforts were reinforced with negotiations that produced a Stipulated Order eventually adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board that further defined state accountability to deliver tangible results for a smaller, sustainable Salton Sea in the next ten years.

These key actions, among many others, have resulted in a unified local consensus at the Salton Sea Authority necessary to harness historic levels of new state and federal support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: September 20, 2018
Re: Torres Martinez Wetlands Phase II Resolution
CM No. VI.A – 09-20-2018

GENERAL:

With due diligence and a sense of urgency, the Salton Sea Authority and the Torres Martinez Tribe (“TM”) are working in cooperation and consultation with the state of California to launch the second phase of the TM Wetlands project under terms outlined in the attached resolution as well as the previously-approved Memorandum of Understanding.

Phase II will tier off the infrastructure installed in Phase I (i.e., the Solar PV array and water distribution system) and will roughly double the acreage of this wetlands project located on tribal land adjacent to the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Storm Channel, and up-slope from the receding Salton Sea. Phase II will be designed to enhance seepage control and improve circulation and aeration for the benefit of fish. Phase II will deploy shallow groundwater to minimize ongoing operating costs while maximizing resource sustainability.

The attached resolution, if approved, would authorize and direct the Salton Sea Authority to sign a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources and to sign requests for disbursements to be made under this funding agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve the attached TM Wetlands Phase II Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

Attachments: Draft Torres Martinez Wetlands Phase II Resolution



SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 18-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR A HABITAT
ENHANCEMENT AND CREATION PROJECT
FOR THE TORRES MARTINEZ WETLANDS PHASE 2**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority ("Authority") is a joint powers agency, existing pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA"), empowered to work in cooperation and consultation with the State of California, the federal government and other entities to revitalize the Salton Sea, including the protection of human health, restoration of habitat for fish and water fowl, and development of economic opportunities in recreation and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized sovereign Indian nation that administers lands, waters, wetlands, wildlife, lakeshore, habitat and other trust resources contiguous to and underlying the Salton Sea, and is a member of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, in cooperation with the Tribe, applied for and has been awarded by California Department of Water Resources ("DWR"), a grant from The Salton Sea Financial Assistance Program under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, Chapter 6 79736(C), in the amount of \$2,000,000 ("Grant") for Phase 2 expansion of the Torres Martinez Wetlands, a project providing habitat enhancement and air quality improvement through wetlands creation (and, as more fully described in Exhibit "A" hereto, as the Torres Martinez Wetlands, located at the mouth of the Whitewater Storm water channel at the Salton Sea); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Joint Powers Authority, Vice President Cástulo R. Estrada of the Salton Sea Authority is hereby authorized and directed to sign a Funding Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources and to sign requests for disbursements to be made under this Funding Agreement.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2018.

Cástulo R. Estrada
Vice President

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: September 20, 2018
Re: Resolution of Support for Imperial and Riverside County Joint Salton Sea MOU
CM No. VI.B – 09-20-2018

GENERAL:

In recognition that cooperation among stakeholders affected by Salton Sea is paramount to solving its complex challenges, Riverside and Imperial Counties signed a joint Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) calling for joint planning to ensure smooth development of a multi-benefit project known as the Perimeter Lake.

It is the intent of both counties to work together with local agencies on agreed projects and financing mechanisms such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (“EIFD”) that would support projects and stimulate economic development around the Sea, such as recreational lakes and development of geothermal resources, while at the same time also mitigating air quality issues and creating vital habitat.

The attached resolution of support has already been adopted by each of the member agencies of the Salton Sea Authority. Both counties are also working diligently to garner adoption of this resolution by other agencies and cities in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys.

This resolution of support is consistent with SSA guiding principles and practice, supporting collaborative partnerships and a unified strategy to achieve shared objectives to revitalize the Salton Sea.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board adopt the attached Resolution of Support.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

Attachments: Imperial and Riverside County Joint Salton Sea MOU
Minute Order of Imperial County Board of Supervisors
Minute Order of Riverside County Board of Supervisors
Draft Resolution of Support for Imperial and Riverside County Joint Salton Sea MOU

**RESOLUTION OF SALTON SEA AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
ON THE SALTON SEA**

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018, the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California (Counties) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding representing a mutual good faith commitment and common goals made in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to benefit the Salton Sea.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside to work together with other local agencies in a collaborative manner and support common goals to further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts as well as the development potential of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Counties encourage outreach to the surrounding communities and seek supportive resolutions from all cities and other agencies. The Parties welcome cities other agencies to join and assist them in efforts that are supportive of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the inflow of water to the Salton Sea has decreased and pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, mitigation water inflows ended on December 31, 2017, and without restoration or stabilization measures, the Salton Sea will rapidly decline; and

WHEREAS, the State of California ("State") has developed the Salton Sea Management Program ("SSMP) through departments within the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies and is obligated to pay for certain costs related to habitat, air and water quality issues at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the state has developed the 10-year SSMP plan and identified a phased series of projects, the state has not appropriated all the necessary SSMP funding. The Salton Sea is at substantial risk of irreversible damage and threatens wildlife and public health; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Counties to take coordinated and cooperative action with other agencies to further stabilize the Salton Sea on such restoration efforts which would protect and improve public health, air quality, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of both Counties to work together with local agencies on agreed projects and financing mechanisms such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District ("EIFD") that would support projects and stimulate economic development around the Sea; and

WHEREAS, both Counties recognize and support the immense value of working together with other local agencies to enhance opportunities for renewable energy and geothermal

development to the region by providing reliable, affordable energy in furtherance of the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Greenhouse Gas Reduction goals and could provide funding for Salton Sea infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of said integrated projects would include economic development, recreational activity, and reduction in air quality impacts as well as optimize the potential opportunities at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, California law requires the California Natural Resources Agency to develop a Salton Sea plan in cooperation and consultation with local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority supports the common goal of a locally managed and more efficient process to expedite projects at the Salton Sea to avert a further decline at the Salton Sea.

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is in support of the North Lake vision which would complement the state's SSMP plan by providing an in-sea barrier around the contours of the north shoreline with a deep lake and respectfully request the state's support and recognition in the SSMP as an important integrated project; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is supportive of the Perimeter Lake concept which would also include a South Lake component and resemble a flowing river with a system of low-profile levees bordering the Salton Sea shoreline. The Parties respectfully request to have the Perimeter Lake incorporated into the state's SSMP long-term plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Salton Sea Authority to improve the public health, economic opportunity and overall quality of life of the disadvantaged communities around the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Salton Sea Authority to support public-private partnerships and will assist private entities to define and develop projects around the Salton Sea; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Salton Sea Authority hereby adopts this Resolution and agrees to a collaborative partnership and a unified strategy to support common goals which would stabilize and restore the Salton Sea.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of September 2018.

Thomas Torte, Jr.
President

**MINUTE ORDER
OF
IMPERIAL COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: June 26, 2018	Book: 431	Page: 393	File #: 300.21	M.O.#: 13
Department: EXECUTIVE OFFICE			2nd Page:	

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, on a motion by Supervisor : RENISON , second by Supervisor : R. KELLEY and approved by the following roll call vote;

AYES : RENISON, M. KELLEY, R. KELLEY, CASTILLO

NAYES : PLANCARTE

ABSTAINED : NONE

EXCUSED OR ABSENT : NONE

Approved Memorandum of Understanding with County of Riverside concerning unified support on the Salton Sea.

Topic: Memorandum of Understanding			X-Topic: County of Riverside		
CC:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/> Ag. Comm <input type="checkbox"/> Assessor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auditor	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO <input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk <input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> District Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Manag. <input type="checkbox"/> Fire/OES <input type="checkbox"/> HR - Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Info/Tech <input type="checkbox"/> OET <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Probation	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff-Coroner <input type="checkbox"/> Social Services

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM
3.5
(ID # 7412)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR ASHLEY :

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ and SUPERVISOR MARION ASHLEY:
Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Imperial and the County
of Riverside Concerning Unified Support on the Salton Sea. [\$0]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. The Board of Supervisors approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Imperial County in support of common goals to further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts.

ACTION: Policy


Supervisor Marion Ashley 6/21/2018 
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 6/21/2018

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT
WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Ashley
Date: June 26, 2018
xc: Supvr. Perez, Supvr. Ashley

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

Summary

In January 2018, Supervisor Perez announced the North Lake concept to protect the northern shore of the Salton Sea which lies within Riverside County. This announcement brought further conversation with Imperial County and the desire to work collaboratively. This Memorandum of Understanding is to recognize and formalize the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside as cooperative partners and support common goals to further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts as well as the development potential of the Salton Sea.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
CONCERNING UNIFIED SUPPORT ON THE SALTON SEA**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into on this 26th day of June, 2018, by and between the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California. Both counties may be referred to herein collectively as the “Parties”.

This MOU represents good faith commitments and common goals which are being made in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to benefit the Salton Sea.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside to work together in a collaborative manner and support common goals to further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts as well as the development potential of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the inflow of water to the Salton Sea has decreased and pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, mitigation water inflows ended on December 31, 2017, and without restoration or stabilization measures, the Salton Sea will rapidly decline; and

WHEREAS, the State of California (“State”) has developed the Salton Sea Management Program (“SSMP”) through departments within the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies and is obligated to pay for certain costs related to habitat, air and water quality issues at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the state has developed the 10-year SSMP plan and identified a phased series of projects, the state has not appropriated all the necessary SSMP funding. The Salton Sea is at substantial risk of irreversible damage and threatens wildlife and public health; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of both Parties to take coordinated and cooperative action to further stabilize the Salton Sea on such restoration efforts which would protect and improve public health, air quality, and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is located within both counties and the Parties have land-use authority and land-use control; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of both Parties to work together on agreed projects and financing mechanisms such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (“EIFD”) that would support projects and stimulate economic development around the Sea; and

WHEREAS, both Parties recognize and support the immense value of working together to enhance opportunities for renewable energy and geothermal development to the region by providing reliable, affordable energy in furtherance of the State’s Renewable Portfolio Standard and Greenhouse Gas Reduction goals and could provide funding for Salton Sea infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of said integrated projects would include economic development, recreational activity, and reduction in air quality impacts as well as optimize the potential opportunities at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both Parties to support the Salton Sea Authority (“SSA”), the SSA as a Joint Power Authority with common power of directing and coordinating actions relating to the improvement of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, both Parties desire recognition of Imperial and Riverside Counties as the local land use authorities with an enhanced role in implementing projects. California law requires the California Natural Resources Agency to develop a Salton Sea plan in cooperation and consultation with local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Parties support the common goal of a locally managed and more efficient process to expedite projects at the Salton Sea to avert a further decline at the Salton Sea.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both Parties to respectfully request a State Legislative amendment to clarify the state’s legislative directive to consult and cooperate with Imperial and Riverside Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority recently achieved historic progress and completed the first phase Wetland project located on the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Tribe reservation. The Wetland project was carried out and accomplished by the leadership of the Salton Sea Authority and its member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are in support of the North Lake vision which would complement the state’s SSMP plan by providing an in-sea barrier around the contours of the north shoreline with a deep lake and respectfully request the state’s support and recognition in the SSMP as an important integrated project; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are supportive of the Perimeter Lake concept which would also include a South Lake component and resemble a flowing river with a system of low profile levees bordering the Salton Sea shoreline. The Parties respectfully request to have the Perimeter Lake incorporated into the state’s SSMP long-term plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parties will encourage outreach to the surrounding communities and seek supportive resolutions from all cities. The Parties welcome other agencies to join and assist them in efforts that are supportive of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parties to improve the public health, economic opportunity and overall quality of life of the disadvantaged communities around the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Parties to support public-private partnerships and will assist private entities to define and develop projects around the Salton Sea; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside hereby adopt this Memorandum of Understanding and agree to a collaborative partnership and a unified strategy to support common goals which would stabilize and restore the Salton Sea.

Staff Report

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phillip Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, SSA
Date: September 20, 2018
Re: Legislative Update
CM No. VII.B – 9/20/2018

Staff members from agencies of the Salton Sea Authority are coordinating a unified response to threats and opportunities in the legislative arena at both the state and federal levels.

SSA and its member agencies jointly engaged in the following activities to drive legislative and policy initiatives supported by the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors:

California Senate/Assembly Bill Summaries

SB-1365 Salton Sea: Office of Salton Sea Restoration: design-build contract: reorganization

SSA Position: Oppose

Status: Introduced Feb. 16, 2018 and Referred to Com. on RLS. Gut and Amend and Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W. pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2 on August 16, 2108.

This bill would establish in the Department of Water Resources the Office of Salton Sea Restoration, which would be under the administration and direction of the Director of Salton Sea Restoration. The bill would also provide for the establishment, within the office, of the Salton Sea Restoration Board, as provided.

The bill would reorganize existing responsibilities of state agencies under the Salton Sea Restoration Act by requiring, on or before June 30, 2020, that projects under the supervision, direction, or control of those agencies, and associated authorities, responsibilities, and functions of those agencies, be transferred to the office. Pursuant to

this reorganization, the bill would require the director, in consultation with the board, to implement the John J. Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Plan (SSMP) and to carry out other activities relating to restoration of the Salton Sea, as specified.

SB 1365 is fundamentally flawed because it erodes power from the local entities that have proven they can work successfully with the state to deliver state-funded projects at the Sea. Instead, SB 1365 undercuts this proven success by consolidating control in Sacramento for all Salton Sea projects and financing, including encroachment into county resources generated by EIFD's.

AB-2060 (Garcia) Water: grants: advanced payments

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced Feb. 6, 2018. Referred to Coms. on W., P., & W. Amended in Assembly May 25, 2018. Passed, Ordered to the Senate May 31, 2018. In Senate, Referred to Coms. on EQ. and N.R. & W on June 13, 2018. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on N.R. & W. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (June 20). Passed, Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. May be considered on or after August 29 pursuant to Assembly Rule 77 on August 27, 2018. Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling on August 29, 2018. Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m. September 6, 2018.

AB 2060 would require the board, within 60 days of awarding a grant from the grant fund, to provide a project proponent that requests an advanced payment and satisfies certain criteria with the requested advanced payment, up to a maximum of \$500,000 or 50% of the grant award, whichever is less, for projects in which the project proponent is a nonprofit organization or a disadvantaged community, or the project benefits a disadvantaged community. The bill would require the advanced funds to be handled as prescribed. The bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt additional requirements for the recipient regarding the use of the advanced payment to ensure that the funds are used properly. The bill would authorize the board to impose penalties for misuse of advanced payments, as specified, and would require the penalty moneys collected to be deposited in the State Water Pollution Revolving Fund Small Community Grant Fund.

This bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board, within 60 days of awarding a grant for these purposes under the bond act, to provide a project proponent that requests an advanced payment and satisfies certain criteria with the requested advanced payment, up to a maximum of \$500,000 or 25% of the grant award, whichever is less. The bill would require the advanced funds to be handled as prescribed. The bill would authorize

the board to adopt additional requirements for the recipient regarding the use of the advanced payment to ensure that the funds are used properly. The bill would authorize the board to impose penalties for misuse of advanced payments, as specified, and would require the penalty moneys collected to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the above-described grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements.

SB-100 (De Leon) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: emissions of greenhouse gases.

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced on Jan. 1, 2017. Amended in Senate May 1, 2017. Amended in Senate May 17, 2017. Amended in Senate May 26, 2017. Passed the Senate and Ordered to the Assembly May 31, 2017. Passed, Ordered to the Senate. Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 25. Noes 13.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling on August 29, 2018. Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m. on September 7, 2018. Approved by the Governor, Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018 on September 10, 2018.

SB 100 contains two primary provisions. The first is a mandate that would increase the current RPS requirements from 50% renewables to 60% renewables by 2030. The second directs state agencies to plan for 100% of electricity in California to come from eligible renewable energy resources and zero carbon resources by December 31, 2045. This bill does not define zero carbon resources.

AB-893 (Garcia) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced on Feb. 16, 2017. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. Gut and amend - original bill, from committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C on June 20, 2018. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on RLS on August 28, 2018.

AB 893 would require each retail seller of electricity and each local publicly owned electric utility to procure a proportionate share of electricity products from a statewide total of 4,250

megawatts of qualified renewable energy resources, defined by the bill as a subset of eligible renewable energy resources that consists of certain bioenergy and geothermal energy resources with high performance relative to capacity, and certain solar and wind energy resources that are eligible for specified federal tax credits.

The bill would require portions of that 4,250 megawatts to be procured from specified qualified renewable energy resources. The bill would require, no later than May 31, 2019, each retail seller to file with the PUC a plan for complying with this procurement requirement, as specified. If a community choice aggregator or electric service provider, by June August 1, 2019, fails to demonstrate it has secured sufficient enforceable and financeable procurement commitments to meet its proportionate share, the bill would require the applicable electrical corporation to procure the amount of any shortfall on behalf of the end-use customers of the community choice aggregator or direct access provider.

The bill would require, no later than June 30, 2019, each local publicly owned electric utility to adopt a plan for complying with this procurement requirement, as specified. Under the bill, the electricity procured by retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities from these qualified renewable energy resources would count toward meeting their obligations under the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program to purchase specified minimum quantities of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources. Because a violation of these provisions would be a crime under the Public Utilities Act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. By imposing a new procurement requirement on local publicly owned electric utilities, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Federal Bill Summaries

H.R. 2 (Conaway) Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on April 12, 2018. Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 – 20 on April 18, 2018. Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Agriculture and placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 508.on May 3, 2018. Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union rises leaving H.R. 2 as unfinished business on May 17, 2018. House vote (198 yeas - 213 nays vote) on May 18, 2018. Passed by the House by the Yeas and Nays: 213 - 211, Received in the Senate on June 21, 2018. Passed/agreed to in Senate:

Passed Senate, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 86 - 11. Conference committee actions: Conference held on September 5, 2018.

H.R. 2 is the 2018 Farm Bill. The significance of this bill to the Salton Sea revolves around the bill's funding authorizations for RCPP, Watershed Act, USDA rural developmental programs as well as much needed amendments in language to better utilize these programs at the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea Authority has assembled and distributed a coalition support letter and is working with consultants in Washington D.C. to help move this bill forward with language helpful to the Salton Sea.

H.R.5895 (Simpson) Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced to the House and the House Committee on Appropriations reported an original measure, H. Rept. 115-697, by Mr. Simpson on May 21, 2018. H. Amdt. 718 (Ruiz) agreed to by voice vote on June 7, 2018. Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 235 – 179 on June 8, 2018. Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time June 12, 2018. Motion to proceed to consideration of measure agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote on June 18, 2018. Considered by Senate on June 21, 2018. Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 86 – 5. Conference committee actions: Conference held. Conference report filed: Conference report H. Rept. 115-929 filed on September 10, 2018.

H.R. 5895 is a bill that provides appropriations: for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civil works projects, Department of the Interior for the Central Utah Project and the Bureau of Reclamation, DOE for Energy Programs, and several independent agencies, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

This bill also includes language requested by local Congressman Ruiz in the house report to support the MOU signed by DOI and CNRA for the Salton Sea plus an amendment to the house report to redirect \$2 million within the Water and Related Resources Account toward projects with a public health benefit, which would allow the Bureau of Reclamation to dedicate additional funding to prevent the potential public health crisis at the Sea.

H.R. 4419 (Newhouse) Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Project Streamlining Act

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 16, 2017. Committee Consideration and Markup Session Held. Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 21 – 14 on May 16, 2018.

H.R. 4419 requires the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to accelerate studies and provide more accountability in the agency's process to study the feasibility of new and or expanded surface water storage. H.R. 4419 would provide the same streamlined water project development process for BOR and BIA surface water storage projects that the "Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014" (WRRDA) gave to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

This bill's aim is to reform the current lengthy process at BOR and BIA so that there is an efficient mechanism to build new surface water storage projects in the West. As this may be beneficial to the Salton Sea in the future, staff will watch the progress of H.R. 4419 as it progresses through the legislation.

S. 2329 (Hoeven) Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2018

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works on Jan. 23, 2018.

S. 2329 would reauthorize WIFIA through fiscal 2024 and would consolidate EPA's and the Army Corps' administration of the programs, allowing the corps to use EPA's administrative infrastructure.

When WIFIA was first created it was a part of the 2014 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Congress again is looking to develop a 2018 WRDA and this bill would more than likely be a part of that.

Of note this bill could be extremely helpful in SSA efforts to tie in multiple federal partners on the same projects. This bill also shows the willingness of the Federal government to link together agencies, and thus opens the opportunity for the SSA to show how the SSA has

been working over the past few years itself to find ways to achieve that same goal of linking federal agencies together on projects.

H.R. 434 (Denham) - New Water Available to Every Reclamation State Act

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced to the House, referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Jan. 11, 2017. Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on Feb. 7, 2017.

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior, for 15 years after this bill's enactment, to provide financial assistance, such as secured loans or loan guarantees, to entities that contract under federal reclamation law to carry out water projects within the 17 western states served by the Bureau of Reclamation, other states where the Bureau is authorized to provide project assistance, Alaska, and Hawaii. Projects eligible for assistance include:

- non-federal water infrastructure projects that would contribute to a safe, adequate water supply for domestic, agricultural, environmental, or municipal and industrial use;
- projects for enhanced energy efficiency in the operation of a water system;
- projects for accelerated repair and replacement of aging water distribution facilities;
- brackish or sea water desalination projects; and
- The acquisition of real property or an interest therein for water storage, reclaimed or recycled water, or wastewater that is integral to such a project.
- Eligible project costs must be reasonably anticipated to be at least \$20 million.

The total amount of federal assistance for a project shall not exceed 80% of its total cost.

Interior shall establish: (1) a repayment schedule for each secured loan based on the useful life of the project, and (2) a uniform system to service the federal credit instruments made available under this bill.

H.R. 3281 (Lamborn) - Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Introduced to the House, referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 18, 2017. Placed on the Union Calendar No. 242 on Sept. 27, 2017. Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 233 – 184 on July 12, 2018.

This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to convey U.S. interest in an eligible reclamation project or facility to an agency of a state political subdivision, a joint action or powers agency, a water users association, or an Indian tribe or tribal utility authority that holds a water service contract for such property and that has the capacity to continue to manage the property for the same purposes for which it has been managed under reclamation law.

Criteria for determining whether facilities are eligible for title transfer:

- (1) the transfer will not have an unmitigated significant effect on the environment
- (2) the qualifying entity intends to use the property for substantially the same purposes the property is being used for at the time Interior evaluates the potential transfer
- (3) the qualifying entity agrees to provide the United States the equivalent of the present value of any repayment obligation or other income stream the United States derives from the assets to be transferred.

Salton Sea Authority staff will continue to watch the progress of this bill as it may expedite facility or land transfers in certain situations at the Salton Sea.

Terminology Reference

Chaptered - After a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number, for example, "Chapter 123, Statutes of 1998," which subsequently may be used to refer to the measure.

Held under submission - action taken by a committee when a bill is heard in committee and there is an indication that the author and the committee members want to work on or discuss the bill further, but there is no motion for the bill to progress out of committee. This does not preclude the bill from being set for another hearing.

Inactive file - The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dormant. An author may move a bill to the inactive file if he or she wishes to take it up at a later date. Once a bill is on the inactive file, one day's public notice is needed to place it back on the agenda.

Suspense File - A bill or set of bills, with a fiscal impact, set aside in Appropriations committee by a majority of Members present and voting. These bills may be heard at a later hearing.