



# Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

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



**AGENDA:** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DATE:** **Thursday, October 18, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**LOCATION:** **Coachella Valley Water District**  
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**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 September 20, 2018
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for September 2018
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 07/01/2018 – 08/31/2018
- D. Approval of 2019 Board Meeting Schedule

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation of Leadership Recognition Plaque to Director G. Patrick O’Dowd
- B. Rediscovering Salton Sea: Developing value from overlooked resource opportunities: algal biofuel – by David Hanselman, Synthetic Genomics Inc.
- C. Historical book documents tourist heyday of Salton Sea, presented by local authors and historians Donna Kennedy and William Linehan.

**VI. ACTION ITEM**

- A. Consider adoption of resolution to take a stand on stronger federal participation in New River cleanup

**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, December 6, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Imperial Irrigation District

Bill Condit Auditorium

1285 Broadway Avenue

El Centro, CA 92243

(760) 482-9618

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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**September 20, 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 Thomas Torte, Jr., President, at 10:01 a.m., September 20, 2018, at the Imperial Irrigation District, Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 760-482-9618.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

GM/Executive Director Rosentrater led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Thomas Torte, President  
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice President  
Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer  
John Renison, Secretary  
James C. Hanks, Director  
Ryan E. Kelley, Director

**AGENCY**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**  
**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**

V. Manuel Perez, Director

**AGENCY**

Riverside 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**

Marion Ashley, Director  
G. Patrick O’Dowd, Director  
Altrena Santillanes, Director

**AGENCY**

Riverside County  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

**AGENCY**

Mario Renteria	Senator Hueso’s Office
Steve Taylor	IVC
Douglas Ordonez	Riverside County
Sara Sanchez	Native Education CVUSD
Daniel Tirado-Lopez	Torres Martinez
Andy Horne	County of Imperial
Eric Reyes	F.I.E.L.D.
David Villarino	F.I.E.L.D.
Vickie Doyle	IID
Ray Lennox	California State Parks
Antony Jones	Geosyntec
Antonio Ortega	IID
Miguel Hernandez	Comité Cívico del Valle

**II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (there were none)**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Mr. Mario Renteria introduced himself as the new district representative for Senator Ben Hueso in Imperial County.
- B. Mr. Wally Leimgruber passed out information regarding the Imperial Valley Coalition for Fair Sharing of Water. A recent lawsuit against IID may create even greater impact on the Salton Sea. The City of El Centro submitted a resolution to the court in support of IID in the lawsuit. Mr. Leimgruber invited the SSA Board to take similar action.
- C. Mr. Eric Reyes, of F.I.E.L.D., reported that they are involved in the SS Engagement Committee, trying to support, but there hasn’t been a lot of follow-up. They are looking for more engagement of the public.

**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

*Director Hanks moved that the Consent Calendar be approved. **Seconded** by Director Renison. **Unanimously carried.***

V. **PRESENTATIONS** (none given)

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

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

GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater introduced this item and requested the Board's support.

*Chairman Tortez asked Vice President Estrada to lead this item, and abstained from comment, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.*

*Director Renison **moved** to approve the resolution. **Seconded** by Director Ortega. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote, with Chairman Tortez abstaining from voting.*

- B. Consider adoption of resolution in support of Intercounty MOU on Perimeter Lake  
Director Perez commented on this.

*Director Renison **moved** to approve the resolution. **Seconded** by Director Perez. **Unanimously carried** by roll call vote.*

VII. **REPORTS**

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

Mr. Rosentrater invited questions or comments on his report. Director Kelley commented that the seven cities in Imperial County had signed resolutions of support. Director Perez replied that similar support is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting.

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

Mr. Johnson highlighted the Farm Bill and SB1365 from his written report.

- C. Federal and State Partner Reports:

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

Ms. Johnson reported that the Bureau had completed paperwork with IID and with Fish and Wildlife for Red Hill Bay project funding; they have resumed salinity monitoring at the Sea, and will work with the SSA to see on which projects they can offer support.

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

Mr. Wilcox gave an update on:

- ) Torres Martinez Wetlands Phase 2: seepage problems in Phase 1 are addressed I Phase 2. A liner from Owens lake is being donated to the SSA for use at the Torres Martinez Wetlands.

- ) New River West: design criteria are fairly well done; the goal is not to impact IID's drainage.
- ) Permits are now in place the for SCH project.
- ) Next Project: North Lake – working with Riverside County and SSA to put together a plan. The State now has information on land ownership for the easements, needs rental info.
- ) Long Range Plan and RFI: upcoming workshops for public comment.
- ) Regarding lack of follow-up on public meetings, two organizations have started interviews to develop a structure to gather information from the public ahead of the meetings.
- ) The State is putting together an RFP for dust control. Various materials are to be tested in accordance with IID's dust control plan.

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

Mr. Lennox reported that the SSSRA is going on the reservation system and is opening four campgrounds instead of the usual three. They are working on project development for Prop 68 funds – deferred maintenance and watershed repair – and for Prop 3 funds if it passes.

The Interpretive Association will be holding the annual Salton Sea Bird Festival January 13 and 14, 2019.

E. Salton Sea Action Committee (no report)

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman invited any further business or comment.

Mr. Rosentrater announced that the California Special Districts Association would be holding their conference in the Coachella Valley next week, and on Monday would be giving a tour of the Salton Sea.

Director Kelley asked Mr. Rosentrater to mention the upcoming Intercounty MOU signing ceremony.

There being no further business, Board President Torteiz adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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



<b>Warrant Date</b>	<b>Warrant Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		Beginning Cash	\$ 218,334.03
09/11/2018	EFT	Transfer from MMA	50,000.00
09/13/2018	16436	Best, Best & Krieger	-1,088.91
09/13/2018	16437	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	-5,583.07
09/13/2018	16438	Rosentrater, Phil	-417.47
09/13/2018	16439	SystemGo IT LLC	-2,086.00
09/17/2018	EFT	American Express	-6,090.14
09/24/2018	EFT	Rabobank Visa	-479.82
09/25/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	-243.85
09/28/2018	EFT	Bank Service Charge	-25.00
		<b>Net Activity</b>	<b>\$ 33,985.74</b>
		<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$ 252,319.77</b>



**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance**  
Year to Date through July 31, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
<b>1 INCOME</b>				
2 <b>Local Government/Member Assessments</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 <b>State of California Grants</b>	-	-	-	-
4 <b>Pooled Cash Allocated Interest</b>	66	-	-	66
5 <b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	76	-	-	76
6 <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	143	-	-	143
<b>7 EXPENSE</b>				
8 <b>SSA Administration</b>				
9 <b>Salaries</b>				
10 <b>Salaries - GM / Executive Director</b>	1,806	-	-	1,806
11 <b>Executive Director Support</b>	4,160	-	-	4,160
12 <b>Due from Grant Funds</b>	3,531	-	-	3,531
13 <b>Admin Support B</b>	2,771	-	-	2,771
14 <b>Total Salaries</b>	12,269	-	-	12,269
15 <b>Employee Benefits</b>				
16 <b>Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.</b>	409	-	-	409
17 <b>Employee Benefits - Other SSA Staff</b>	6,027	-	-	6,027
18 <b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	6,436	-	-	6,436
19 <b>Contract Service / Professional</b>				
20 <b>Finance / CPA</b>	3,584	-	-	3,584
21 <b>Total Contract Service / Professional</b>	3,584	-	-	3,584
22 <b>Contract Attorney</b>	883	-	-	883
23 <b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	950	-	-	950
24 <b>Capital Equipment</b>	-	-	-	-
25 <b>Insurance</b>	4,253	-	-	4,253
26 <b>Office Exp/Operating Supplies</b>	84	-	-	84
27 <b>Office Exp/Online Services</b>	219	-	-	219
28 <b>Postage, Mail</b>	49	-	-	49
29 <b>Printing Services</b>	-	-	-	-
30 <b>Dues, Subscriptions</b>	7,807	-	-	7,807
31 <b>Communications</b>	229	-	-	229
32 <b>Travel/Mileage</b>	3,579	-	-	3,579
33 <b>Technical Support - Consultant</b>	-	-	-	-
34 <b>Technical Support - Engineering</b>	-	-	-	-
35 <b>Technical Support - General</b>	-	-	-	-
36 <b>Contract Svc / Website</b>	-	-	-	-
37 <b>Utilities</b>	-	-	-	-
38 <b>Grants &amp; Advocacy</b>	-	-	-	-
39 <b>Project Manager</b>	-	-	-	-

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	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
40 <b>Total SSA Administration</b>	40,342	-	-	40,342
41 <b>Wetlands Grant Administration</b>				
42 <b>Contract Svcs/Attorney</b>	-	-	55	55
44 <b>Total Wetlands Grant Administration</b>	-	-	55	55
45 <b>Wetlands Grant Technical</b>				
46 <b>Contract Svcs/LCP</b>	-	-	-	-
47 <b>Contract Svcs/Construction</b>	-	-	-	-
48 <b>Transfer In/Out Grant Administration</b>	-	-	-	-
49 <b>Total Wetlands Grant Technical</b>	-	-	-	-
50 <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	40,342	-	55	40,397
51 <b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (40,199)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (55)</b>	<b>\$ (40,254)</b>

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# Salton Sea Authority Balance Sheets

As of July 31, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
<b>1 ASSETS</b>					
<b>2 Local Government/Member Assessments</b>					
<b>3 Checking/Savings</b>					
<b>4 Cash - Checking</b>	\$ 188,477	\$ -	\$ (1,233)	\$ -	\$ 187,244
<b>5 Cash - Money Market</b>	112,890	-	-	20,991	133,882
<b>6 Cash - RivCo Fund</b>	87,363	-	-	-	87,363
<b>7 RivCo investment fund</b>	1,185	-	-	-	1,185
<b>8 Cash - Petty Cash</b>	200	-	-	-	200
<b>9 Total Checking/Savings</b>	390,115	-	(1,233)	20,991	409,874
<b>10 Accounts Receivable</b>	610,000	-	-	-	655,733
<b>11 Other Current Assets</b>					
<b>12 Due from Grant Funds</b>	45,733	-	-	-	45,733
<b>Prepaid Items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>13 Other Receivables</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>14 Total Other Current Assets</b>	45,733	-	-	-	45,733
<b>15 Total Current Assets</b>	1,045,848	-	(1,233)	20,991	1,111,340
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,045,848</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,233)</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>1,111,340</b>
<b>17 LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>					
<b>18 Liabilities</b>					
<b>19 Current Liabilities</b>					
<b>20 Accounts Payable</b>	44,390	-	55	-	44,445
<b>21 Credit Cards</b>					
<b>22 Credit Card Payable (Visa)</b>	5,871	-	-	-	5,871
<b>23 Credit Card Payable (AE)</b>	1,532	-	-	-	1,532
<b>24 Total Credit Cards</b>	7,403	-	-	-	7,403
<b>25 Other Current Liabilities</b>					
<b>26 Due to Other Funds</b>	-	-	-	-	45,733
<b>27 Accrued Expenditures</b>	2,215	-	-	-	2,215
<b>28 Deferred Revenue</b>	610,000	-	-	-	655,733
<b>27 Accrued Payroll</b>	5,701	-	-	-	5,701
<b>28 Accrued Vacation</b>	9,239	-	-	-	9,239
<b>29 Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	627,156	-	-	-	718,622
<b>30 Total Current Liabilities</b>	678,949	-	55	-	770,470
<b>31 Total Liabilities</b>	678,949	-	55	-	770,470
<b>32 Equity</b>					
<b>33 Fund Balance</b>	407,099	-	(1,233)	20,991	381,124
<b>34 Net Income</b>	(40,199)	-	(55)	-	(40,254)
<b>35 Total Equity</b>	366,900	-	(1,288)	20,991	340,870
<b>36 TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,848</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,233)</b>	<b>\$ 20,991</b>	<b>\$ 1,111,340</b>

**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance**  
Year to Date through August 31, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
<b>1 INCOME</b>				
2 <b>Local Government/Member Assessments</b>	\$ 310,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310,000
3 <b>State of California Grants</b>	-	-	-	-
4 <b>Pooled Cash Allocated Interest</b>	128	-	-	128
5 <b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	133	-	-	133
6 <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	310,261	-	-	310,261
<b>7 EXPENSE</b>				
8 <b>SSA Administration</b>				
9 <b>Salaries</b>				
10 <b>Salaries - GM / Executive Director</b>	16,229	-	-	16,229
11 <b>Executive Director Support</b>	11,166	-	-	11,166
12 <b>Due from Grant Funds</b>	9,240	-	-	9,240
13 <b>Admin Support B</b>	6,929	-	-	6,929
14 <b>Total Salaries</b>	43,564	-	-	43,564
15 <b>Employee Benefits</b>				
16 <b>Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.</b>	6,051	-	-	6,051
17 <b>Employee Benefits - Other SSA Staff</b>	13,908	-	-	13,908
18 <b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	19,959	-	-	19,959
19 <b>Contract Service / Professional</b>				
20 <b>Finance / CPA</b>	4,729	-	-	4,729
21 <b>Total Contract Service / Professional</b>	4,729	-	-	4,729
22 <b>Contract Attorney</b>	1,917	-	-	1,917
23 <b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	1,649	-	-	1,649
24 <b>Capital Equipment</b>	-	-	-	-
25 <b>Insurance</b>	4,253	-	-	4,253
26 <b>Office Exp/Operating Supplies</b>	179	-	-	179
27 <b>Office Exp/Online Services</b>	226	-	-	226
28 <b>Postage, Mail</b>	74	-	-	74
29 <b>Printing Services</b>	302	-	-	302
30 <b>Dues, Subscriptions</b>	7,849	-	-	7,849
31 <b>Communications</b>	560	-	-	560
32 <b>Travel/Mileage</b>	9,444	-	-	9,444
33 <b>Technical Support - Consultant</b>	-	-	-	-
34 <b>Technical Support - Engineering</b>	-	-	-	-
35 <b>Technical Support - General</b>	-	-	-	-
36 <b>Contract Svc / Website</b>	-	-	-	-
37 <b>Utilities</b>	-	-	-	-
38 <b>Grants &amp; Advocacy</b>	-	-	-	-
39 <b>Project Manager</b>	-	-	-	-

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	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
40 <b>Total SSA Administration</b>	94,705	-	-	94,705
41 <b>Wetlands Grant Administration</b>				
42 <b>Contract Svcs/Attorney</b>	-	-	110	110
44 <b>Total Wetlands Grant Administration</b>	-	-	110	110
45 <b>Wetlands Grant Technical</b>				
46 <b>Contract Svcs/LCP</b>	-	-	-	-
47 <b>Contract Svcs/Construction</b>	-	-	-	-
48 <b>Transfer In/Out Grant Administration</b>	-	-	-	-
49 <b>Total Wetlands Grant Technical</b>	-	-	-	-
50 <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	94,705	-	110	94,815
51 <b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 215,557</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (110)</b>	<b>\$ 215,446</b>

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## Balance Sheets

As of August 31, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
<b>1 ASSETS</b>					
<b>2 Local Government/Member Assessments</b>					
<b>3 Checking/Savings</b>					
<b>4 Cash - Checking</b>	\$ 219,622	\$ -	\$ (1,288)	\$ -	\$ 218,334
<b>5 Cash - Money Market</b>	372,952	-	-	20,991	393,943
<b>6 Cash - RivCo Fund</b>	62,748	-	-	-	62,748
<b>7 RivCo investment fund</b>	1,185	-	-	-	1,185
<b>8 Cash - Petty Cash</b>	334	-	-	-	334
<b>9 Total Checking/Savings</b>	656,841	-	(1,288)	20,991	676,544
<b>10 Accounts Receivable</b>	300,000	-	-	-	345,733
<b>11 Other Current Assets</b>					
<b>12 Due from Grant Funds</b>	45,733	-	-	-	45,733
<b>Prepaid Items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>13 Other Receivables</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>14 Total Other Current Assets</b>	45,733	-	-	-	45,733
<b>15 Total Current Assets</b>	1,002,574	-	(1,288)	20,991	1,068,011
<b>16 TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,002,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,288)</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>1,068,011</b>
<b>17 LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>					
<b>18 Liabilities</b>					
<b>19 Current Liabilities</b>					
<b>20 Accounts Payable</b>	38,528	-	55	-	38,583
<b>21 Credit Cards</b>					
<b>22 Credit Card Payable (Visa)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>23 Credit Card Payable (AE)</b>	5,239	-	-	-	5,239
<b>24 Total Credit Cards</b>	5,239	-	-	-	5,239
<b>25 Other Current Liabilities</b>					
<b>26 Due to Other Funds</b>	-	-	-	-	45,733
<b>27 Accrued Expenditures</b>	21,210	-	-	-	21,210
<b>28 Deferred Revenue</b>	300,000	-	-	-	345,733
<b>27 Accrued Payroll</b>	5,701	-	-	-	5,701
<b>28 Accrued Vacation</b>	9,239	-	-	-	9,239
<b>29 Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	336,151	-	-	-	427,617
<b>30 Total Current Liabilities</b>	379,919	-	55	-	471,440
<b>31 Total Liabilities</b>	379,919	-	55	-	471,440
<b>32 Equity</b>					
<b>33 Fund Balance</b>	407,099	-	(1,233)	20,991	381,124
<b>34 Net Income</b>	215,557	-	(110)	-	215,446
<b>35 Total Equity</b>	622,656	-	(1,343)	20,991	596,571
<b>36 TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,002,574</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1,288)</b>	<b>\$ 20,991</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,011</b>

## Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director  
**Date:** October 18, 2018  
**Re:** **Proposed 2019 Schedule of Salton Sea Authority Board Meetings**  
**CM No.** **IV.D – 10-18-18**

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### **BACKGROUND**

In the pursuit of advance planning to ensure smooth operation and maximum participation of all SSA Directors in SSA board meetings, the attached proposed 2019 Schedule of Salton Sea Authority Board Meetings is submitted for SSA Board consideration.

Board meetings are usually scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the month; however, some meeting dates were moved to accommodate holidays and conferences and meetings important to the effective execution of SSA's mission.

In recent years the Board has elected not to meet in July and August, and to combine the November and December meetings into one meeting in early-to-mid December.

The attached proposed Board meeting schedule incorporates these adjustments.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Salton Sea Authority staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors approve the attached proposed board meeting schedule.

Respectfully,

Phil Rosentrater  
GM/Executive Director

*The attached schedule is for basic information and may be revised as conditions require.*



**2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD of DIRECTORS**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**January 24**

Coachella Valley Water District

**July 26**

No Meeting

**February 21**

Imperial Irrigation District

**August 23**

No Meeting

**March 28**

Coachella Valley Water District

**September 19**

Coachella Valley Water District

**April 25**

Imperial Irrigation District

**October 24**

Imperial Irrigation District

**May 23**

Coachella Valley Water District

**November 21**

No Meeting

**June 20**

Imperial Irrigation District

**December 19**

Coachella Valley Water District

**Location Addresses**

**Coachella Valley Water District**

Steve Robbins Administration Building  
75515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
(760) 398-2651

**Imperial Irrigation District**

Bill Condit Auditorium  
1285 Broadway Avenue  
El Centro, CA 92243  
(760) 482-9618

**North Shore Yacht Club**

99155 Sea View Dr.  
Mecca, CA 92254  
(760) 393-0602

**Salton Community Services District**

1209 Van Buren Avenue, Suite 1  
Salton City, CA 92274  
(760) 394-4446



## Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director  
**Date:** October 18, 2018  
**Re:** **Presentation of Leadership Recognition Plaque to Director G. Patrick O’Dowd**  
**CM No.** V.A – 10-18-2018

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### **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:** October 18, 2018  
**Re:** **Resolution of Support for Increased Federal Involvement on New River**  
**CM No. VIA – 10-18-2018**

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### **BACKGROUND:**

For decades there has been a pollution problem at the border from the New River, which flows into the Salton Sea - to the Salton Sea's detriment. If nothing is done, bypasses of raw sewage will continue to occur at a higher rate causing increased pathogens in the New River, impacting human health, causing more nutrients to flow into the Salton Sea, and a loss of water quality improvements along the New River.

Federal agencies such as the IBWC and EPA are responsible for addressing the border pollution on the New River and have been kept apprised by Salton Sea Authority staff of the issues on the New River as well as the plans to resolve the issue.

The attached resolution in support of increased federal involvement on the New River, if approved, would direct Salton Sea Authority staff to push for a stronger Federal presence on the New River: specifically, the International Boundaries and Water Commission (IBWC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve the attached Resolution in support of increased federal involvement on the New River.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater  
GM/Executive Director

Attachments: Draft SSA New River Resolution



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 18-04**

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

**IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT ON THE NEW RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Salton Sea Authority Board supports an increase in involvement by the federal government on the New River, particularly the involvement of the International Boundaries and Water Commission (IBWC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE);

**WHEREAS**, for decades there has been a pollution problem at the border with the New River which flows into the Salton Sea, to the Salton Sea's detriment - the United States and Mexican governments have both acknowledged the issue but have only utilized quick fixes up until this point;

**WHEREAS**, recently problems at the border with the New River have increased with more bypasses of raw sewage, and studies show that current infrastructure (pumping plants and sewage collectors) are at or beyond the limit of usefulness with little to no operation and maintenance funding available;

**WHEREAS**, the New River improvement project was envisioned with money being dedicated to that project through the Salton Sea Authority in the recently-passed Proposition 68 bond bill; along with this increase funding, Salton Sea Authority staff has been working diligently to inform and involve federal partners on the issue;

**WHEREAS**, if nothing is done, bypasses of raw sewage will continue to occur causing increased pathogens in the New River, impacting human health, causing more nutrients into the Salton Sea, and a loss of water quality improvements along the New River;

**WHEREAS**, federal agencies such as the IBWC and EPA are responsible for addressing the border pollution on the New River and have been kept apprised by Salton Sea Authority staff of the issues on the New River as well as the plans to resolve the issue;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority supports an increase in involvement by the federal government on the New River, particularly the involvement of the IBWC, the EPA, and the USACE.

## Staff Report

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Phillip Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, SSA  
**Date:** October 18, 2018  
**Re:** **Legislative Update**  
**CM No.** **VII.B – 10/18/2018**

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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. 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. Negotiations are taking place out of session and it is expected to be voted upon once the November 6<sup>th</sup> elections are held and the House and Senate are back in session.

#### **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. Conference report passed by House and Senate, signed by President. Became public law 115-244 on September 21, 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.