



Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2019
10:00 a.m.

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



(CORRECTED AGENDA)

AGENDA: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Welcome new SSA Directors:
 - Alex Cardenas, Director, Division 1, Imperial Irrigation District, appointed in place of Erik J. Ortega, Director, IID Division 4
 - Luis Plancarte, Supervisor, District 2, Imperial County, appointed in place of John Renison, former Supervisor, Imperial County District 1
 - Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor, District 5, Riverside County, appointed in place of Marion Ashley, who retired as Supervisor, Riverside County District 5

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 December 6, 2018
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for November 2018
- C. Warrant Register Ratification for December 2018
- D. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2018 – 11/30/2018

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider approval of Resolutions recognizing outgoing SSA Directors Renison and Ortega for their service
- B. Mid-Term Election (filling the treasurer and secretary vacancies left by recent election and reappointment)
- C. Consider Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees
- D. Consider Resolution updating signatories to the bank accounts to add the new treasurer appointed in Action Item V.B
- E. Consider adoption of 2019 SSA Legislative Platform

VI. REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report on Activities – (Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority)
- B. Standing Reports from Federal and State Partners
 - 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)
- C. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update – (Ray Lennox, Acting Sector Superintendent, California State Parks)
- D. Salton Sea Action Committee – (Juan DeLara, President)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

Thursday, February 21, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Imperial Irrigation District

Bill Condit Auditorium

1285 Broadway Avenue

El Centro, CA 92243

(760) 482-9618

Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection in the lobby at the front desk of the County Law Building located at 82995 Highway 111, Indio, CA 92201.



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 6, 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 Director Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer, 10:02 a.m., December 6, 2018, at the Imperial Irrigation District, Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 760-482-9618.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Erik Ortega invited Ms. Stella Jimenez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Erik J. Ortega, Treasurer
John Renison, Secretary
James C. Hanks, Director
Ryan E. Kelley, Director
G. Patrick O’Dowd, Director

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Coachella Valley Water District

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

Thomas Tortez, President
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President
Marion Ashley, Director
Altrena Santillanes, Director
V. Manuel Perez, Director

AGENCY

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Coachella Valley Water District
Riverside County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
Riverside County

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Pat Cooper
Ray Lennox
Dan Farris
Robert Betancourt, Jr.
Sarah Lopez
Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter
Andy Horne
Juan De Lara
Frank Ruiz
Daniel Tirado-Lopez
Kurt Schoppe
Paul Kaymark
Jonathan Weisgall
Esmerelda Perez
Jeff Geraci
Jessica Lovecchio
Stella Jimenez
Katie Burnworth
Tom Dubose
Jacqueline Lopez
Vickie Doyle
Kay Pricola

AGENCY

Supervisor Perez
CA State Parks
CVWD
DAS North Shore
IID
Imperial County
Imperial County
Federated Insurance, SSAC
Audubon Society
Torres Martinez
SA Organics Recycling
Platinum Consulting
Berkshire and Hathaway, Energy
Supervisor Perez
CRWQCB
IID
Office of Asm Eduardo Garcia
IID
DuBose Design Group
Congressman Ruiz
IID
IVVGA/COLAB

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Director Ortega congratulated Director O’Dowd on his re-election, acknowledged Director Ashley’s retirement, and thanked departing Director Renison for his years of service and all he has done for District 1 and Calexico.
- B. Director O’Dowd expressed his appreciation of working with Director Renison at the SSA.
- C. Director Hanks – reminded the Board of the upcoming CRWUA Meeting in Las Vegas, at which the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) would be discussed; said that IID was holding a workshop on the DCP plan; and advised that there were possible votes coming up in Coachella Valley and with MWD that the SSA needs to keep an eye on to be sure that the Salton Sea stays protected in this arrangement.
- D. Director Renison – Thanked the Board members individually, the SSA staff, and legal counsel, and other attendees, for being great colleagues, and invited them to call on him at any time.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Mr. Robert Betancourt, Jr., gave an update on his DAS project on which he is at the point of asking for a meeting with Riverside County Supervisor Garcia to request a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Riverside County for use of the land around the North Shore Yacht Club.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of October 18, 2018
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for October 2018
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2018 – 9/30/2018
- D. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2018 – 10/31/2018

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Status of Federal Actions Impacting the Salton Sea

SSA GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater introduced Lisa Moore (Lehman), Partner with Grand View Group Consulting, a.k.a. Cultivating Conservation. Ms. Moore has worked with the State of California and the Salton Sea Authority the last couple of years, specializing in farm bill and USDA appropriations and programs that may be beneficial to the Salton Sea.

Ms. Moore told of her organization's background (they work to lead locally-run conservation projects), their accomplishments (since 2010 they have secured roughly \$100 million in federal USDA conservation funding for partners), local pilot projects and coalition building, the federal role (its responsibilities as a major landowner at the Sea and potential, through the farm bill, to match state funds on the SSMP 10-year plan), and the important role of local unity in successful Federal appropriations.

Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy for the California Natural Resources Agency, said that the State will be putting Grandview under contract to get this completed.

Director Hanks suggested looking into the availability of QSA funds that were set aside for matching funds.

- B. Salton Sea: Developing Value from Overlooked Resource Opportunities: Recovery of Strategic Minerals

Jonathan M. Weisgall of Berkshire Hathaway Energy, and Eric Besseling of BHE Renewables gave a presentation on lithium recovery from geothermal brine, including discussion of global lithium reserves, cost curve, supply and demand, and federal, state, and local support of lithium research. BHE Renewables' geothermal facilities operate as CalEnergy and have 10 facilities in Imperial Valley.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Adoption of Draft SSA Legislative Platform for 2019

SSA Assistant Executive Director Phillip Johnson reported that no major comments were received regarding the proposed 2019 SSA Legislative Platform that was distributed for review.

Director O'Dowd said that he wants to look at full implementation and ***asked to hold action on this item*** to make sure that it is framed in such a way as to bring ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies) on board.

There being no objection to postponing, NO ACTION was taken; this item was removed for review at the January meeting.

B. Resolution in Honor of Supervisor Ashley's leadership as the Senior Member of the Salton Sea Authority Board of Director

Director Ashley is the longest-serving director currently on the SSA Board. His term on the SSA Board expired with his decision to retire from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. SSA staff submitted a proposed resolution in his honor.

Acting Chairman Ortega invited a motion to approve the resolution in Supervisor Ashley's honor.

*Director Hanks moved that the resolution be approved. **Seconded** by Director Renison.*

*Director O'Dowd, in the memory of Supervisor Benoit, endorsed the motion and second that had been presented. **Unanimously carried.***

VII. REPORTS

A. General Manager's Report on Activities

There were no questions or discussion regarding Mr. Rosentrater's report.

B. Legislative Update

Phillip Johnson, SSA's Assistant Executive Director, acknowledged Lisa Moore's report that covered SSA federal interests and the farm bill on which he usually reports. The legislature is not currently in session. No new action will take place until the legislature convenes on January 7.

C. Update on Resolutions of Support for Inter-County MOU

Mr. Johnson reviewed the list of resolutions that were received in support of the Inter-County MOU, and of upcoming meetings. The SSA is working to build the coalition around the Inter-County MOU to create a booklet of MOUs that they can use in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to show county-wide support.

D. Status of Funding for Salton Sea in State's Salton Sea Restoration Fund for QSA Mitigations

In response to a Board member request at a previous meeting, Mr. Johnson investigated and reported on the status of the Salton Sea Restoration Fund, adopted in

2003 as a provision of the QSA, and the Revive the Salton Sea fund, which is a voluntary contribution fund. Of the \$68.6 million contributed by the three water agencies to date for the Salton Sea Restoration Fund, \$15 million has been spent on projects and \$53 million remains – most of it earmarked for the SCH project. \$123,000 has been contributed to the Revive the Sea fund through voluntary tax refund contributions. 2019 is the last year to contribute, after which an appropriations request must be submitted to the legislature for release of the funds for use on projects at the Sea.

E. Federal and State Partner Reports:

1. FEDERAL: US Bureau of Reclamation (no report)
2. STATE: Salton Sea Management Program

Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy with the California Natural Resources Agency, gave a progress report on the many moving parts of the SSMP plan. Tetra Tech will be submitting a report on North Lake alternatives – reconnecting the people with the water – to be built incrementally. He will be meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss projects.

Jeff Jurasky inquired about the Desert Shores harbor project. Mr. Wilcox explained that the state cannot spend money on it until they have easement agreements with the many owners of the 200-plus lots, whom they are trying to locate and contact, but contact has been lost with some of those owners.

F. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities

Ray Lennox, Acting Sector Superintendent, California State Parks, reported that there has been an increase in visitation – both in day use and in camping. Thanksgiving was a big day. Desert X has approached them about holding an art exhibit, focused on environment, at the visitor's center. Starting in February, Desert X plans to launch a research vessel on the Salton Sea to explore the desert floor and human history under the Sea using side scan sonar to map the under-sea desert floor.

G. Salton Sea Action Committee

Juan DeLara, SSAC President, reported on SSAC's communications with the public. They will be retooling their presentation on the EIFD to make it easier for the public to understand how an EIFD (Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District) works. They have also been talking with local groups about the Imperial/Riverside Counties MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and the perimeter lake plan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Director Ortega invited a motion to adjourn. Director Renison so moved. Seconded by Director O'Dowd. Unanimously carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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Checking Account Activity
Nov. 1, 2018 through Nov. 30, 2018



Warrant	Warrant	Vendor	
Date	Number	Name	Amount
			Beginning Cash \$ 194,681.29
11/03/2018	EFT	Visa	(1,517.37)
11/06/2018	16447	Ace Direct	(376.91)
11/06/2018	16448	Bravata, Lisa	(100.83)
11/06/2018	16449	Johnson, Phillip	(434.32)
11/06/2018	16450	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	(8,013.13)
11/06/2018	16451	Rosentrater, Phil	(1,451.34)
11/06/2018	16452	Seroy, Linda	(41.02)
11/06/2018	16453	SystemGo IT LLC	(699.50)
11/13/2018	EFT	Money Market Funds Transfer	50,000.00
11/15/2018	EFT	AMEX	(4,207.60)
11/26/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	(229.19)
11/30/2018	EFT	Service Charge	(25.00)
		Net Activity	32,903.79
		Ending Cash	\$ 227,585.08

Checking Account Activity
Dec. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018



Warrant	Warrant	Vendor	
Date	Number	Name	Amount
		Beginning Cash	\$ 227,585.08
12/05/2018	16454	Best, Best & Krieger	(662.40)
12/05/2018	16455	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	(7,528.07)
12/05/2018	16456	Rosentrater, Phil	(471.97)
12/11/2018	EFT	Money Market Funds Transfer	50,000.00
12/17/2018	EFT	AMEX	(4,665.50)
12/18/2018	16457	Best, Best & Krieger	(5,544.39)
12/18/2018	16458	Davis Farr LLP	(8,000.00)
12/18/2018	16459	SystemGo IT LLC	(1,399.00)
12/24/2018	EFT	Visa	(5,039.67)
12/26/2018	EFT	Verizon Wireless	(229.19)
12/31/2018	EFT	Service Charge	(25.00)
		Net Activity	16,434.81
		Ending Cash	\$ 244,019.89

Salton Sea Authority
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
Year to Date through November 30, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
1 INCOME				
2 Local Government/Member Assessments	\$ 610,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610,000
3 State of California Grants	-	-	-	-
4 Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	639	-	-	639
5 Miscellaneous Revenue	6,661	-	-	6,661
6 TOTAL INCOME	617,300	-	-	617,300
7 EXPENSE				
8 SSA Administration				
9 Salaries				
10 Salaries - GM / Executive Director	45,076	-	-	45,076
11 Executive Director Support	30,771	-	-	30,771
12 Due from Grant Funds	19,422	-	-	19,422
13 Admin Support B	15,243	-	-	15,243
14 Total Salaries	110,513	-	-	110,513
15 Employee Benefits				
16 Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.	15,688	-	-	15,688
17 Employee Benefits - Other SSA Staff	34,248	-	-	34,248
18 Total Employee Benefits	49,936	-	-	49,936
19 Contract Service / Professional				
20 Finance / CPA	21,802	-	-	21,802
21 Total Contract Service / Professional	29,802	-	-	29,802
22 Contract Attorney	10,801	-	-	10,801
23 Equipment Maintenance	3,748	-	-	3,748
24 Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-
25 Insurance	4,669	-	-	4,669
26 Office Exp/Operating Supplies	617	-	-	617
27 Office Exp/Online Services	739	-	-	739
28 Postage, Mail	193	-	-	193
29 Printing Services	678	-	-	678
30 Dues, Subscriptions	10,189	-	-	10,189
31 Communications	1,467	-	-	1,467
32 Travel/Mileage	28,473	-	-	28,473
33 Technical Support - Consultant	-	-	-	-
34 Technical Support - Engineering	-	-	-	-
35 Technical Support - General	-	-	-	-
36 Contract Svc / Website	-	-	-	-
37 Utilities	-	-	-	-
38 Grants & Advocacy	-	-	-	-
39 Project Manager	-	-	-	-

Salton Sea Authority
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance
Year to Date through November 30, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	TOTAL
40 Total SSA Administration	252,004	-	-	252,004
41 Wetlands Grant Administration				
42 Contract Svcs/Attorney	-	-	1,132	1,132
44 Total Wetlands Grant Administration	-	-	1,132	1,132
45 Wetlands Grant Technical				
46 Contract Svcs/LCP	-	-	-	-
47 Contract Svcs/Construction	-	-	-	-
48 Transfer In/Out Grant Administration	-	-	-	-
49 Total Wetlands Grant Technical	-	-	-	-
50 TOTAL EXPENSE	252,004	-	1,132	253,136
51 NET INCOME	\$ 365,296	\$ -	\$ (1,132)	\$ 364,164

**No assurance is provided on these financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. are not included.*

Salton Sea Authority

Balance Sheets

As of November 30, 2018

	General Fund	Wetlands Grant 1	Wetlands 2	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
1 ASSETS					
2 Local Government/Member Assessments					
3 Checking/Savings					
4 Cash - Checking	\$ 229,784	\$ -	\$ (2,199)	\$ -	\$ 227,585
5 Cash - Money Market	569,124	-	-	20,991	590,115
6 Cash - RivCo Fund	78,100	-	-	-	78,100
7 RivCo investment fund	1,354	-	-	-	1,354
8 Cash - Petty Cash	156	-	-	-	156
9 Total Checking/Savings	878,517	-	(2,199)	20,991	897,309
10 Other Current Assets					
11 Prepaid Items	2,255	-	-	-	2,255
12 Total Other Current Assets	2,255	-	-	-	2,255
13 Total Current Assets	880,772	-	(2,199)	20,991	899,564
14 TOTAL ASSETS	880,772	-	(2,199)	20,991	899,564
15 LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
16 Liabilities					
17 Current Liabilities					
18 Accounts Payable	23,440	-	166	-	23,606
19 Credit Cards					
20 Credit Card Payable (Visa)	5,029	-	-	-	5,029
21 Credit Card Payable (AE)	3,742	-	-	-	3,742
22 Total Credit Cards	8,771	-	-	-	8,771
23 Other Current Liabilities					
24 Accrued Expenditures	61,225	-	-	-	61,225
25 Accrued Payroll	5,701	-	-	-	5,701
26 Accrued Vacation	9,239	-	-	-	9,239
27 Total Other Current Liabilities	76,166	-	-	-	76,166
28 Total Current Liabilities	108,377	-	166	-	108,543
29 Total Liabilities	108,377	-	166	-	108,543
30 Equity					
31 Fund Balance	407,099	-	(1,233)	20,991	426,858
32 Net Income	365,296	-	(1,132)	-	364,164
33 Total Equity	772,395	-	(2,364)	20,991	791,022
34 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 880,772	\$ -	\$ (2,199)	\$ 20,991	\$ 899,564

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: January 24, 2019
Re: **Resolutions in Recognition of Exiting Directors John Renison and Erik J. Ortega**
CM No. V.A – 01-24-2019

GENERAL:

John Renison and Erik J. Ortega have honorably served as members of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) since 2011 and 2017, respectively, and have contributed local leadership that has resulted in securing consensus on achievable plans (SSMP 10 YR Plan, Stipulated Order, Perimeter Lake) supported by significant new funding sources (state Props 1 & 68, Federal RCPP) necessary to achieve real progress.

As members of the Salton Sea Authority Board, they have unselfishly devoted their energies, experience, knowledge, judgment, professional expertise, political acumen and time to the SSA.

During their terms of service, the Directors also oversaw the Torres Martinez Wetlands project which is the first and only state-funded project to be completed at the Salton Sea, built on time and on budget. The Salton Sea Authority served as lead agency on this project.

Through dedication, determination and patient local leadership, these Directors have helped establish better interagency cooperation among local, state, and federal stakeholders resulting in a Salton Sea that has prospects for a much healthier and more prosperous future.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority approve SSA Resolutions No. 19-01 and 19-02 expressing appreciation and gratitude to Directors Renison and Ortega for their many contributions to the Salton Sea Authority, and the public they have served so diligently, and in extending sincere best wishes to them for continued happiness and success in their future endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 19-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO
JOHN RENISON**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of Imperial County, Riverside County, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority seeks to protect human health, revitalize the environment and economy of the Salton Sea, and recognizes this requires an integrated approach to recognizing old problems as potential new solutions, and to delivering multiple benefits with thoughtful strategies that integrate economic opportunity and environmental stability; and

WHEREAS, John Renison has honorably served as a member of the Board of Directors of the SSA since 2011, and as a member of the Salton Sea Authority Board, has unselfishly devoted his energies, experience, knowledge, judgment, professional expertise, political acumen, and time to the SSA; and

WHEREAS, Director Renison supported local legislative efforts to clarify the relationship of the SSA with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) in working to help pass AB 71 (Perez), which requires the CNRA to work in consultation and coordination with the Salton Sea Authority to lead Salton Sea restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, AB 71 (Perez) authorized funding from the Salton Sea Restoration Fund for the Salton Sea Authority to develop a Financial Feasibility Action Plan (FFAP), a living document providing a blueprint to create a smaller but sustainable sea in a manner that is realistic, feasible, affordable, and achievable and that FFAP was delivered by SSA on time and on budget while working together with the CNRA; and

WHEREAS, Director Renison supported SSA as lead agency for the Torres Martinez Wetlands project, which is the first and only state-funded project to be completed at the Salton Sea, which was also completed on time and under budget working in partnership with the tribe under contract with the state of California; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority, under Director Renison, has consistently earned the highest marks in annual audits for the district and the Salton Sea itself has reached historic levels of funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority, Salton Sea Authority GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater and staff join in expressing appreciation and gratitude to Director Renison for his many contributions to the Salton Sea Authority and the public he has served so diligently, and in extending sincere best wishes to him for continued happiness and success in his future endeavors.

Thomas Torte, Jr., President
Salton Sea Authority

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY)

I, Linda Seroy, Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant of the Salton Sea Authority, a Joint Powers Agency of the State of California, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-01 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 24th day of January 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 24th day of January 2019.

Linda Seroy
Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Salton Sea Authority



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 19-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION TO
ERIK J. ORTEGA**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of Imperial County, Riverside County, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority seeks to protect human health, revitalize the environment and economy of the Salton Sea, and recognizes this requires an integrated approach to recognizing old problems as potential new solutions, and to delivering multiple benefits with thoughtful strategies that integrate economic opportunity and environmental stability; and

WHEREAS, Director Ortega has honorably served as a member of the Board of Directors of the SSA since 2017 and, as a member of the Salton Sea Authority Board, has unselfishly devoted his energies, experience, knowledge, judgment, professional expertise, political acumen, and time to the SSA; and

WHEREAS, Director Ortega supported clarified governance established in AB 71 (Perez) empowering the SSA to work with the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and which legislation requires the CNRA to work in consultation and coordination with the Salton Sea Authority to lead Salton Sea restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, AB 71 (Perez) also authorized funding from the Salton Sea Restoration Fund for the Salton Sea Authority to develop a Financial Feasibility Action Plan (FFAP), a living document providing a blueprint to create a smaller but sustainable sea in a manner that is realistic, feasible, affordable, and achievable and that FFAP was delivered by SSA on time and on budget while working together with the CNRA; and

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Thomas Tortez, Jr., President
Salton Sea Authority

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY)

I, Linda Seroy, Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant of the Salton Sea Authority, a Joint Powers Agency of the State of California, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-02 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 24th day of January 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 24th day of January 2019.

Linda Seroy
Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Salton Sea Authority

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Robert Hargreaves, General Counsel
Date: January 24, 2018
Re: **Mid-Term Election of Salton Sea Authority Secretary and Treasurer**
CM No. V.B – 01-24-2018

GENERAL

Changes to the Boards of Salton Sea Authority member agencies due to recent elections and appointments have rendered the Treasurer and Secretary positions on the SSA Board vacant.

Because the Treasurer is called upon periodically to meet with SSA staff to sign checks, for the sake of expediting timely business for the SSA it is most advantageous for this officer to be available to meet in or near the SSA office during regular business hours.

The following guidelines are provided from the Salton Sea Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Bylaws (December 2016 update):

- 3.1 Officers: The officers of the Authority shall consist of the President, Vice-President Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be selected from the voting members of the Board of Directors
- 3.2 Term of Office: The term for all officers shall be one (1) year.
- 3.3 Election of Officers: The Authority shall elect, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, its officers at its last meeting of the fiscal year, and at such other times as there may be a vacancy in any office.
- 3.4 Rotation of Officers: It shall be a policy of the Board to encourage rotation of the offices among the Board members.

RECOMMENDATION

SSA Staff requests that the SSA Board elect a Secretary and a Treasurer to serve until the next regularly-scheduled reorganization of officers in June.

Sincerely,

Phil Rosentrater
SSA GM/Executive Director

V.B – Mid-Term election of Secretary and Treasurer

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: January 24, 2018
Re: Consider Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees
CM No. V.C – 01-24-2018

Salton Sea Authority Ad Hoc Committees
Assignments Effective: **January 2019**

The SSA JPA states; “The Commission or the Chairman may establish such committees as from time to time are deemed necessary as good for the Authority.”

❖ **Executive: Chair – President Tortez, Vice-President Estrada**

-) Review policies and procedure as requested by staff.
-) Review legislative proposals (Federal/State platforms).
-) Review new programs and projects initiated by staff.
-) Confer with General Manager regarding general activities of the Authority, as required.

❖ **Finance: Chair – Treasurer _____, members Vice-President Estrada, O’Dowd.**

-) Review the budget (proposed and current mid-year and yearly)
-) Periodic review of bank statements, accounts payable and receivable, etc., and insurance and contractual commitments.
-) Review procedures and practices of accounting.
-) Review of audits and reports.

❖ **Personnel: Chair - Secretary _____, members President Tortez, Kelley**

-) Review updated employee manual and procedures.
-) Review employee labor compliance and contractual commitments
-) Review and suggest alternative solutions to personnel issues – as requested by Board and General Manager.
-) Review job descriptions, employee needs, and compensation with General Manager

❖ **Projects Committee: Chair - President Tortez, Vice-Chair Estrada, members Hanks, Perez**

-) Review current projects including their status, pending contracts or identified issues of concern.
-) Coordinate interagency cooperative planning to assure project outcomes are beneficial to all concerned
-) As requested or appropriate, attend outside meetings.
-) Review and advise staff of member agencies of the impacts Authority projects may have in relation to member agencies’ programs and operations.

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: January 24, 2019
Re: SSA Resolution No. 19-03 Updating Signatories on SSA Bank Accounts
CM No. V.D – 01-24-2019

BACKGROUND:

A change to the Board of a Salton Sea Authority member agency due to a recent appointment has rendered the Treasurer position on the SSA Board vacant, 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 Tortez (President), Director Estrada (Vice-President), _____ (Treasurer) as determined in today's mid-term election, 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 19-03, 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. 19-03, 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. 19-03**

**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 24th day of January 2019, that 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; _____, 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; _____, 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; 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); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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; _____, Treasurer; and Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director; 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 Torte, Jr., President
Salton Sea Authority

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY)

I, Linda Seroy, Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant of the Salton Sea Authority, a Joint Powers Agency of the State of California, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 19-03 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 24th day of January 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 24th day of January 2019.

Linda Seroy
Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Salton Sea Authority

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: January 24, 2019
Re: Approval of SSA Legislative Platform for 2019: Federal and State
CM No. V.E – 01-24-2019

GENERAL:

The Salton Sea Authority has effectively achieved significant results from its Board-approved legislative agenda in the past four years. The draft platform proposed for Board consideration in 2019 builds upon these advancements and remains consistent with the SSA Board-adopted Vision and Guiding Principles for Legislative Action.

The platform is intended to serve as a dynamic guide to SSA Board and staff alike in shaping favorable outcomes for the SSA in legislative policies and procurement priorities at federal and state levels.

Upon approval of this draft platform, SSA staff in coordination with member agencies will continue to advocate its position on public policy issues in a unified manner. Under the direction of the Board, staff from the member agencies will closely monitor state and federal legislative proposals, executive actions and overall public policy initiatives that may have a direct impact on Salton Sea restoration efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve the 2019 Legislative Platform and authorize staff to take prudent action as needed in order to advance a unified and well-coordinated development of state and federal policies consistent with the SSA Board-approved Vision and Guiding Principles for Legislative Action.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

Salton Sea Authority

2019 Legislative Platform

Background:

SSA is a joint powers agency comprised of: Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, Riverside County, Imperial County and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. The Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is empowered under state law (AB 71 – Perez) to work in cooperation with the California Natural Resources Agency to ensure the beneficial uses of the Salton Sea.

The SSA closely monitors and provides comment on state and federal legislative proposals that may have a direct impact on Salton Sea management and revitalization efforts.

The Salton Sea is the largest inland sea in California. The 365-square mile lake is a shallow, increasingly saline terminal lake sustained by agricultural discharges from highly productive farmlands that produce more than \$2 billion annually in agricultural commodities. The Sea provides significant habitat for birds, with an estimated 420 species relying upon the Sea, as well as habitat for several state and federally-listed species.

The Salton Sea is impacted by rising salinity of the Sea as well as changes in runoff from irrigated agriculture (supplied by Colorado River water). Legal agreements to provide conserved water to Southern California urban users in order to enable the state of California to live within its legal entitlement to Colorado River water has significantly reduced flows to the Sea, and if left unchecked, nearly 100 square miles of dry lake bed will be exposed, resulting in diminished habitat, significant air quality problems and a damaged economy. Areas downwind from the Sea are already suffering from severe non-attainment for PM 10 under the Clean Air Act. These areas suffer the highest rates of childhood asthma in California, with emergency room admissions for children under four years of age roughly twice the state average.

In accord with the conserved water agreements, flow of mitigation water to the Sea was terminated at the end of 2017, accelerating the Sea's decline. Further, conserved water agreements are currently being considered under Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) federal-state negotiations to improve national and international water supply reliability of the Colorado River system, further impacting the economic and ecological health of the Sea including the human populations and migratory birds of the Pacific Flyway. Tens of millions of citizens downwind from the Sea could be impacted by dust blown from the playa into densely urbanized areas

throughout Southern California (see attached map of actual AQ impacts in SoCal from the Salton Sea).

The Salton Sea Authority and its partner agencies, working with state and federal counterparts, have achieved unprecedented progress in recent years with the State launching a draft Salton Sea Management Program 10-year plan with achievable projects with feasible designs, realistic budgets. This minimalist plan falls far short of what the ultimate objectives need to be for revitalization of the Sea areas impacted by the QSA. However, it is at least a consensus road map forward that outlines the objectives and the funding estimated for the state to begin to meet its obligations. Coupled with the 10 Year Plan is a stipulated Water Order between the State and the parties of the QSA establishing accountable performance to implement the SSMP 10 Year Plan. The SSA, along with every county, city, water agency and tribe in the Salton Basin are united in supporting a Perimeter Lake strategy that will accomplish all of these state obligations in a manner that builds opportunity for economic development that can help sustain a healthier, more prosperous Sea.

Ultimately the Salton Sea Authority and its partners have helped bring about this plan through painstaking consensus building. It is not a perfect plan, but it is finally a plan with real projects with real designs, permits and funding. Now that an actionable plan exists, the effort to procure funding for this plan and its projects now becomes much more achievable. The funding of this plan was significantly bolstered by \$200 million due with the passage of proposition 68 in June 2018. The following SSA legislative platform for 2019 outlines the objectives and actions necessary to advance toward a smaller but healthy and prosperous Salton Sea in cooperation and consultation with the SSA and its local, regional, state and federal partners.

Federal Priorities

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Partnerships

- J SSA supports efforts to secure a greater portion of USDA's \$6 billion annual mandatory conservation funding through appropriations and/or the 2018 Farm Bill by expanding the current partnership's activities to the Salton Sea playa; this would provide a more comprehensive federal-state-local conservation partnership which could be scaled appropriately to the challenge.
- J The SSA member agencies are situated in a major agricultural region and the Sea itself is sustained by agricultural drainage flows from roughly 600,000 acres of prime irrigated agricultural land supplied by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD). Diminishing drainage flows to the Sea pose a

negative impact on the air quality and habitat values surrounding the Sea, and threaten the sustainability of an agricultural region which generates over \$2 billion annually in agricultural commodities.

- J Recognizing the critical importance of Sea restoration to this agricultural region, USDA approved the Salton Sea Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to address habitat, water quality and air quality issues on agricultural land surrounding the Sea. A \$7.5 Million grant was secured through the SSA as lead agency in the RCPP partnership for this purpose. The programs available under RCPP, but limits the use of funding to projects on private agricultural lands.
- J SSA supports the recognition of PL 566 as a mandatorily-funded USDA conservation program in the 2018 Farm Bill in order to provide a substantial and sustainable source of cost-share funding for Salton Sea management and restoration.
- J SSA along with CNRA has been successful in helping secure appropriations into USDA's Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 566) in the passed 2018 Omnibus spending bill. The SSA also supported CNRA leveraging the already obtained \$1.5 million in Watershed Act money to pursue the \$150 million in the Watershed Act in 2018.
- J SSA supported the successful change in the Watershed acreage size limitations, removing the restriction that the funding could only be applied in watersheds less than 250k acres. SSA was successful and Congress modified as requested and also modified a notification provision requiring congressional approval (House and Senate Ag Cmte resolutions) for projects over \$5 million. Congress raised the notification threshold to \$25 million. This means if more funding is sought for the Sea from this account, Congressional approval will not be required, and importantly, SSA does not have to worry about the program slicing the large watershed into smaller pieces to qualify.
- J SSA supports expanding the Salton Sea RCPP projects and program by permitting enrollment of public lands that endanger public health and the environment of prime agricultural region in USDA's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which would thereby provide substantial federal financial resources to cost-share with State investments in air quality, habitat and other Ag-related investments at the Sea.
- J SSA also supports expanding the Salton Sea RCPP by permitting the application of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to off-farm projects in an Agricultural region. This provision was approved in the final 2018 Farm Bill.

-) SSA supports the Feinstein USDA EQIP Air Quality Initiative, which sets aside \$25 million in EQIP funding annually to address air quality concerns related to agricultural operations;
-) Congress passed, and the President signed, a final Farm Bill expanding funding with all of these preceding provisions that were supported by SSA. The Farm Bill further directs the increased funding to projects on public or private lands in an agricultural region impacted by negative air quality. SSA and its partners support pursuit of these funds for appropriate projects in 2019.
-) SSA supports appropriations from the 2018 Farm Bill that ensure communities surrounding the Salton Sea qualify for USDA rural development programs which target funding for health care infrastructure and telemedicine in order to help address the high prevalence of childhood asthma in the region.
-) SSA supports federal interagency cooperation and coordination between the Dept of Interior and the Dept of Agriculture to ensure deployment of the federal funds in partnership with the state and SSA, to maximize opportunities for the federal government to address its public trust responsibilities at the Sea.

ACTION:

-) *The SSA will cooperate and consult with state and federal partners to continue to coordinate effective deployment of funding from the USDA (as provided in the 2018 Farm Bill) in a coordinated manner that maximizes beneficial outcomes for all parties concerned.*
-) *Consistent with MOU Implementing One Federal Decision under EO 13807, the SSA supports actions to enhance federal interagency working group cooperation in a manner that expedites action at the Salton Sea benefiting all parties concerned.*

United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps)

-) SSA supports federal funding and cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers. \$30 million in federal funding for Salton Sea revitalization was authorized in 2007 under the federal Water Resource Development Act (WRDA), but never appropriated even though it has been included in past Administration budgets for the Corps.
-) A renewed authorization for this \$30 million for the Salton Sea was included in the Dec 2016 passage of WRDA legislation (***S. 612 WIIN Act***). The updated version extends broad authorization for full Army Corps participation in watershed level

planning at the Salton Sea, and specifically designates the SSA as the preferred nonfederal partner for the funding agreements to be established with the Corps.

- J SSA supports the successor to America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (S. 3021) (WRDA 2018) and its increase funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). SSA supports the usage of WIFIA's low-cost supplemental loans for projects at the Sea that address significant EPA national priorities.
- J SSA supports the Corps Tribal Partnership Program (TPP), a program with existing funding available to conduct feasibility planning in coordination with SSA and specifically as requested by tribes that hold property in and around the Sea. The SSA will continue to provide Letters of Interest in partnership with interested tribes at the Sea in order to activate this Army Corps program in coordination with SSA and partners, especially the tribes.

ACTION:

- J *Coordinate watershed planning between the Corps, State and other Federal entities.*
- J *Renew the LOI to the Army Corps for TPP and establish an MOU between the SSA and interested tribes in and around the Sea pursuant to engaging the Corps in feasibility planning.*
- J *Consistent with MOU Implementing One Federal Decision under EO 13807, the SSA supports actions to enhance federal interagency working group cooperation in a manner that expedites action at the Salton Sea benefiting all parties concerned.*

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Partnership

- J SSA supports strong interagency cooperation between the BOR as a major federal landowner with public trust responsibilities at the Sea – in consultation with SSA and its member agencies and the State
- J The State of California and the Federal Department of Interior signed an MOU in 2016 wherein the DOI committed to a \$30 Million federal share in costs to operate and maintain projects related to air quality management and restoration of habitat at the Sea.
- J The SSA initiated an MOU with Department of Interior MOU in February 2014. The MOU signed by DOI (plus all sub-agencies) calls for sharing of information and expertise, with close cooperation and collaboration between SSA and DOI and its sub-agencies on matters relevant to the improvement of conditions at the Sea. In

particular, the MOU called for cooperation in planning for rights of way, easements, and land exchanges necessary to expedite mutually beneficial projects at the Sea.

-) SSA supports federal interagency cooperation and coordination between the Dept of Interior (with BOR in liaison role) and the Dept of Agriculture to ensure deployment of the federal funds in partnership with the state and SSA, to maximize opportunities for the federal government to address its public trust responsibilities at the Sea.

ACTION:

-) *SSA will coordinate with DOI and sub-agencies, including BOR, in order to integrate federal interests and resources in joint funding, planning, design, construction and maintenance of projects.*
-) *Consistent with MOU Implementing One Federal Decision under EO 13807, the SSA supports actions to enhance federal interagency working group cooperation in a manner that expedites action at the Salton Sea benefiting all parties concerned.*

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

-) SSA supports funding for WIFIA and partnerships at the sea that can leverage these funds. SSA has already initiated contact with EPA and arranged for discussion among its partners and contractors on the potential for the WIFIA program to accelerate investment at the Salton Sea by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for projects at the Sea that address significant EPA national priorities. Successful application to this program would secure a significant federal partner and potentially match nonfederal investments at the Sea with a nearly equal share of federal investment (provided a secure means of repayment can be proven).
-) Funding for EPA WIFIA was increased to over \$60 million (FY was about \$27 million). This gives EPA \$6 billion in lending authority, which could be potentially tapped for work contemplated in the SSMP.

ACTION:

-) *Follow up consultation with EPA to refine original LOI and work with partners towards the next submittal period.*
-) *Consistent with MOU Implementing One Federal Decision under EO 13807, the SSA supports actions to enhance federal interagency working group cooperation in a manner that expedites action at the Salton Sea benefiting all parties concerned.*

Federal/Local Government revenue sharing on Energy/ Mineral extraction

- J SSA supports the development of local resources while provided there is appropriate compensation to the impacted communities, as called for in the SSA's board-adopted Guiding Principles for Legislative Action.
- J SSA supports revenue sharing agreements that are mutually acceptable to all concerned, along with legislation that will enable such arrangements. Cooperative ventures between the federal government and the mineral rich counties in the Salton Sea region may offer opportunities to equitably address federal and local priorities with new resources.
- J SSA supports ***S. 32 (Feinstein) - California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017*** and other similar legislation as it aligns with SSA goals to incorporate revenue sharing as part of Salton Sea revitalization funding strategy. S. 32 is currently in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

ACTION:

- J *Monitor status of relevant legislation and provide appropriate advocacy.*

State Priorities

Governance Structure

- J SSA supports the discussion and evaluation of enhancing efficiency through a reformed governance structure. This discussion was started with the introduction of SB 1277 (Hueso). Later in the session SB 1365 (Hueso) furthered the discussion and was ultimately held so that local agencies could, if necessary, recommend viable options for a new governance structure.
- J The current structure through the State SSMP has made contracting on projects costly without delivering timely results.
- J A working model that follows the guiding principles of the SSA, state policy on watersheds, and state law AB (71) that directs the state to work in cooperation and consultation with the SSA would be to recognize the already develop SSMP as a functional equivalent of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Under this model the state could then still maintain an oversight role while recognizing the SSA as a qualifying JPA to implement this plan according to state set criteria.

ACTION:

-) *Work with member agencies and stakeholders to come up with a governance structure that will help increase the efficiency of project implementation.*

Renewable Energy Development

-) The SSA supports development of all renewable energy resources at the Salton Sea in order to provide potential revenue streams to help fund revitalization projects and activities.
-) SSA supports efforts to promote geothermal energy development in the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area (estimated to potentially generate 2,000 MW of carbon-free baseload power).
-) SSA supports policies that encourage recovery of valuable minerals in geothermal brine.

ACTION:

-) *Monitor and support bills that can drive progress on this issue.*

Regional Priorities

Financing Initiatives

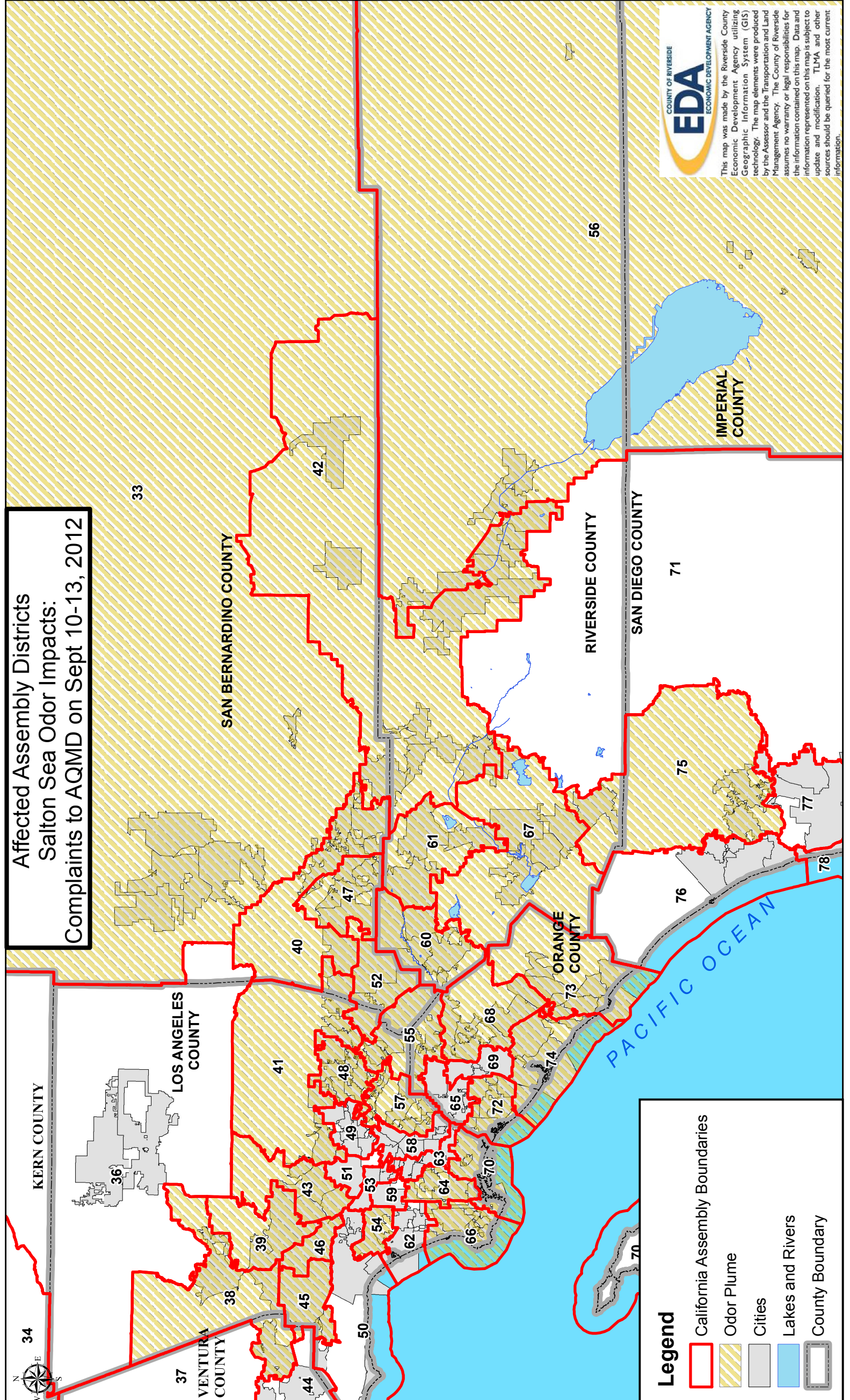
-) SSA supports local county-driven financing initiatives such as Public/Private Partnerships and Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFD) developed in consultation and coordination with the SSA and State in order to expedite mutually beneficial progress on the SSMP 10 Year and Long-Range plans.
-) SSA supports the joint county MOU between Imperial and Riverside Counties. The MOU outlines a good faith commitment of collaboration between both counties. In the MOU, County leaders call for cooperation to fully implement a Perimeter Lake concept that would address air quality concerns by stabilizing the shoreline while providing habitat for waterfowl as well as enhancing economic opportunities in recreation and renewable energy that would drive (IFDs) setup by both counties.

ACTION:

-) *Support both Riverside and Imperial Counties as they move forward on their (IFDs) and grow the local partnership and consensus around the principles of the Joint County MOU.*

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**Affected Assembly Districts
Salton Sea Odor Impacts:
Complaints to AQMD on Sept 10-13, 2012**



Legend

- California Assembly Boundaries
- Odor Plume
- Cities
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