

**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;

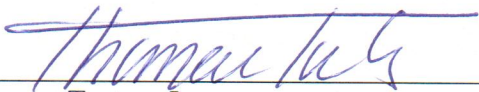
**WHEREAS**, the New River improvement project was envisioned with money being dedicated to that project through the Salton Sea Authority in the recently-passed Proposition 68 bond bill; along with this increase funding, Salton Sea Authority staff has been working diligently to inform and involve federal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

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.



Thomas Torte, Jr.  
President

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. 18-04 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a regular meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.



Linda Seroy  
Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant  
Salton Sea Authority