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Dear Salton Sea Authority Board Members,

I offer the following questions for your consideration:

- What is the schedule for the North Lake Pilot Project? When will DWR deliver the \$19.25 million to the SSA? How much will SSA incur as overhead to manage the project?
- When will this item be on the board agenda?
- What is the target elevation for the pilot project's water surface? The state's draft project description suggests it will be about a foot lower than the Sea's current elevation - is that the Board's preference? Should the water be higher, to cover playa and provide a source for dust suppression and habitat projects downgradient?
- What's the source for this water? Is that compatible with the existing emergent wetlands in the area?
- How does the board define "public benefit" and "multi-benefit project"? Do those include community-identified amenities?
- What's the schedule for community engagement?
- When will the North Shore boat access ramp be completed? What's the source of the delay?
- Has there been any progress in finding and installing the pond liner at the Torres-Martinez wetland project site, so those ponds can be filled and provide habitat benefits, as well as justify the time and money invested in that effort to date?

Thank you for your consideration of these questions.

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