

Salton Sea Authority
Board of Directors
Special Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Webinar

(Corrected Agenda)



AGENDA: **SPECIAL MEETING:**
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: **Thursday, November 12, 2020**
3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: **Via Zoom Webinar**

<https://saltonseaauthority.org/events/ssa-special-board-of-directors-meeting-2/>

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider nomination to ACWA Region 9

B. Consider approval of resolution updating signatories on SSA's bank and credit card accounts

V. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED
SSA BOARD MEETING TIME & LOCATION:**

Thursday, December 17, 2020

10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM
Date: November 12, 2020
Re: Consider Nomination of SSA Representative for ACWA Region 9 Board
CM No. IV.A – 11-12-2020

BACKGROUND:

Salton Sea Authority's Guiding Principles for Legislative Action adopted by the SSA Board of Directors calls for action to "ASSERT LOCAL LEADERSHIP" wherever feasible to advance the shared interests of the SSA and its partner agencies in revitalizing the Salton Sea. In addition, the Salton Sea is an issue that is certainly impactful on the region and the water agencies that share its watershed or rely upon Colorado River water.

The SSA is a member in good standing with California's largest water advocacy organization, Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

SSA's Executive Director/GM, Patrick O'Dowd, is a member of the ACWA Board of Directors, serving as the Chair of its Federal Affairs Committee of the Board. However, this position comes as an original authorization for participation from CVWD. His transfer to SSA, though also an ACWA member agency, invalidated his board authorization to serve in that capacity. As a result, to continue benefitting the Salton Sea Authority and the region in this capacity, new authorization from the SSA board is needed as quickly as can be arranged in order to ensure his ability to participate in a fast approaching ACWA board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve Resolution No. 20-04 nominating the SSA Executive Director/GM to continue to serve on the ACWA Region 9 Board.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/GM



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 20-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
PLACING IN NOMINATION G. PATRICK O'DOWD
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
REGION 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Salton Sea Authority (SSA), assembled in regular meeting this 12th day of November 2020, as follows:

A. Recitals

- (i) Whereas, The Board of the SSA does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA);
- (ii) Whereas, The Board of the SSA has adopted Guiding Principles urging its staff and member agencies to “Assert Local Leadership” where feasible to advance the shared objectives of revitalizing the Salton Sea;
- (iii) Whereas, the SSA is a member in good standing with ACWA and;
- (iv) Whereas, SSA General Manager G. Patrick O’Dowd is currently serving as the Federal Affairs Committee Chair for ACWA Region 9 Board of Directors and has indicated a desire and willingness to continue to serve as a member of the Board of ACWA Region 9;

B. Resolves

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

- (i) Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of G. Patrick O’Dowd for the Board of ACWA Region 9.
- (ii) Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with the service of G. Patrick O’Dowd in ACWA Region 9 shall be borne by the Salton Sea Authority.

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM
Date: November 12, 2020
Re: SSA Resolutions Updating Signatories on SSA Bank Accounts
CM No. IV.B – 11-12-2020

BACKGROUND:

Salton Sea Authority (SSA) bylaws state that the Treasurer shall be the depository of funds. Traditionally the President, Vice-President, and GM/Executive Director have additionally been designated as signatories to ensure availability of two signatories, as required by the SSA, at any given time.

With the retirement of SSA’s GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater, the SSA has lost one of its local signatories. SSA staff recommends that new SSA Executive Director/GM Patrick O’Dowd be designated signatory in the place of his predecessor Mr. Rosentrater.

The banks that hold SSA accounts require 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. The attached proposed resolutions include President Alex Cardenas, Vice-President V. Manuel Perez, Treasurer Altrena Santillanes, and Executive Director/GM G. Patrick O’Dowd as signatories, and the removal of any others who might remain in the bank’s records.

Attached please find proposed Salton Sea Authority Resolutions number 20-05 and 20-06 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 update the signatories to show the new Executive Director/GM as a signatory.

RECOMMENDATION:

Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve adding SSA Executive Director/GM G. Patrick O’Dowd as signatory to the SSA bank accounts and credit cards, and approve SSA Resolution Nos. 20-05 and 20-06 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,

G. Patrick O’Dowd
Executive Director/GM



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 20-05**

**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 12th day of November 2020, that Pacific Western Bank 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: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pacific Western Bank is instructed to honor any transfer of funds by means of written instructions by order of any two designated officials: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; 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 Pacific Western Bank is instructed to honor access to safe deposit box(es) executed by any two of the following designated officials: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; 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 Pacific Western Bank.



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 20-06**

**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 12th day of November 2020, that Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) 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: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LAIF is instructed to honor any transfer of funds by means of written instructions by order of any two designated officials: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; 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 LAIF is instructed to honor access to safe deposit box(es) executed by any two of the following designated officials: Alex Cardenas, President; V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President; Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer; and G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/ General Manager; 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 LAIF.

