



# Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Webinar



**AGENDA:**  
**DATE:**  
**LOCATION:**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, June 24, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Via Zoom Webinar**

*In the interest of public health, and in cooperation with government COVID-19 meeting recommendations, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom Webinar. The public will be able to view the meeting live at 10:00 a.m. June 24. Please see the meeting login information at <https://saltonsea.com/meetings/>.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**

*A copy of the complete agenda packet is available for viewing or download at: <https://saltonsea.com/meetings/>*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*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.*

*Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction and are invited to speak to any specific action item listed in the agenda at the time it is called; all other agenda items should be addressed during this general public comment period.*

***Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.***

*Public comment may be delivered verbally (use "raised hand" feature in Zoom or press \*9 by phone to be acknowledged), **via email to [info@saltonsea.com](mailto:info@saltonsea.com)** (include in your subject line "Public Comment, 6/24/21 SSA board meeting"), or hand-delivered to 82995 Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California. Please place hand delivered comments in an envelope addressed to "Board Secretary, Salton Sea Authority" and leave with the attending security officer.*

*All written comments should include your name, address (addresses will be redacted), and whether it is for general public comment or a specific agenda item (number and topic). Anonymous comments will not be read. Comments received in writing, either by email or written, will be distributed to the Board, posted on the Salton Sea Authority website for public review, and if received **before noon on Wednesday June 23**, receipt will be acknowledged during public comments. Written comments will not be read aloud into the public record.*

**III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*This is a time set aside for members of the Board to share their thoughts and concerns regarding general Authority matters not on the agenda, ask questions of staff, and request that items be added to an agenda at a later date.*

*The Brown Act expressly prohibits lengthy Board Member discussion of matters not on the agenda. The Board may at its discretion (by 4/5 vote) add items deemed to be an emergency to the agenda in order to engage in public discourse.*

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Consent Calendar – Recommendation: Approve, Receive, and File
  - 1. Minutes of SSA Board Meeting May 27, 2021
  - 2. Warrant Register Ratification for May 2021
  - 3. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2020 – 4/30/2021
  - 4. ACWA Region 9 Board Nomination
- B. SSA Board Consideration of Appointments for FY 2021-2022  
Officers of the SSA Board (effective July 1, 2021)
  - Election of President of Board
  - Election of Vice-President of Board
  - Election of Secretary of Board
  - Election of Treasurer of Board
- C. Consider Approval of Resolutions Updating Signatories on SSA’s Bank Accounts
  - 1. Pacific Western Bank
  - 2. Local Agency Investment Fund
- D. Consider Approval of a “Work Plan” outlining an Engineering Services Agreement between Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Engineers Without Borders. Recommendation: Discussion, Authorization or Alternative Direction.

#### **V. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. University of California, Riverside\* – Marilyn Fogel, Ph.D., Lead, UCR Salton Sea Task Force, other UCR representatives (\*correction)
- B. QSA JPA Budget Update – Jeff Ferre, Best Best & Krieger

#### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. CNRA SSMP Long Term Plan and 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-year Plan
- B. Organizational Matters
  - 1. Meeting Schedule – Summer Break
  - 2. Meeting Location(s)
  - 3. Staffing Update

#### **VII. REPORTS**

- A. Federal
  - 1. Federal Activities – Lisa Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
  - 2. US Bureau of Reclamation – No report

B. State

1. State Advocacy Report – Oracio Gonzalez, Principal, Ollin Strategies
2. State of California – Evon Willhoff, Program Manager 1, Salton Sea Program, Department of Water Resources
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Steve Quartieri, District Superintendent, California State Parks

C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) – Juan M. DeLara, SSAC President

D. General Manager’s Report and Comments

1. GM Report – G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:**

SSA board meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

10:00 a.m. via Zoom

(location/venue to be determined)

*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**  
**May 27, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order by Alex Cardenas, President, at 10:00 a.m., May 27, 2021, via Zoom webinar.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lisa Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Alex Cárdenas, President  
V. Manuel Perez, Vice-President  
Luis A. Plancarte, Secretary  
Thomas Torte, Director  
Cástulo R. Estrada, Director  
Jeff Hewitt, Director  
Anthony Bianco, Director  
Arturo Delgado, Ex-Officio Member

**AGENCY**

Imperial Irrigation District  
Riverside County  
Imperial County  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Riverside County  
Coachella Valley Water District  
California Natural Resources Agency

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Ryan E. Kelley, Director  
Altrena Santillanes, Treasurer  
Norma S. Galindo, Director

**AGENCY**

Imperial County  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Imperial Irrigation 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.*

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT**

G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM  
Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

There were 31 members of the public, and 16 participants present via Zoom.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- No written comments were received.
- No verbal comments at this time. (See later in the meeting as they occurred.)

## **III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- A. Director Perez shared that Riverside County and the Salton Sea Authority now have an agreement with the State on the North Lake Demonstration Project and that Riverside County is working on several North Lake concepts which they hope to release to the public within a few weeks.
- B. Director Cardenas congratulated, and expressed appreciation to, the State for the action taking place at the SCH (Species Conservation Habitat) project he visited this weekend. He asked Assistant Secretary Delgado to provide an update on the process for the second 10-year phase of the Salton Sea.
- C. Assistant Secretary Delgado agreed to give an update at the next board meeting and encouraged those present to look at the state's 2020 Annual Report (available on their [saltonsea.ca.gov](http://saltonsea.ca.gov) website) which lays out the State's plans for 2021 through 2023. They plan to launch public engagement on the long-term plan within a couple of months.

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive and File**

1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting April 22, 2021
2. Warrant Register Ratification for April 2021
3. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2020 – 3/31/2021

\* Public comment by Luis Olmedo, Executive Director of Comité Cívico del Valle, prior to the vote: he commended the state on the progress made on the SCH project and expressed concern about the Red Hill Bay project. (Connection failed at this point; comment continued after Item VI.A.)

***On motion by Perez, second by Bianco, the Board approved the Consent Calendar to be received, approved and filed.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES:*** Directors Cardenas\*, Perez, Hewitt, Tortez\*, Plancarte\*, Estrada, Bianco

***NOES:*** None

***ABSENT:*** Directors Galindo\* and Santillanes\* and Kelley\*

***ABSTAINED:*** None.

***MOTION PASSED:*** 10 - 0

*\*In keeping with the Salton Sea Authority Bylaws, a single Director carries the vote of both Directors of the agency when the second Director of the same agency is absent.*

**B. 2021/2022 ANNUAL BUDGET – FINAL APPROVAL**

Executive Director G. Patrick O’Dowd explained that the budget process began in March with the first presentation of the 2021-2022 budget to the Board; last month the board referred this item to the member agencies for their consideration. The Authority’s bylaws call for the budget to be approved at the May board meeting.

***On motion by Hewitt, seconded by Perez, the Board approved the proposed 2021/2022 Annual Budget.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES:*** Directors Cardenas\*, Perez, Hewitt, Tortez\*, Plancarte\*, Estrada, Bianco

***NOES:*** None

***ABSENT:*** Directors Galindo\* and Santillanes\* and Kelley\*

***ABSTAINED:*** None.

***MOTION PASSED:*** 10 – 0

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**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. QSA JPA Budget Update**

Executive Director G. Patrick O’Dowd reported that due to scheduling conflicts the QSA-JPA (Quantitative Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority) update will be provided next month by Jeff Ferre, attorney for the QSA-JPA. In the interim, O’Dowd informed the board that the QSA-JPA budget would be presented to its board on June 10 and is expected to be received by the Authority ten days prior thereto. At that time, the QSA-JPA budget will be reviewed by the Authority Finance Committee, with observations forwarded to the Authority Executive Committee for appropriate action.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Federal**

**1. Federal Activities**

Lisa Moore, Partner, Cultivating Conservation, has been doing congressional follow-up on the Authority’s successful 2020 WRDA (Water Resources Development Act) provision. There is currently a lot of attention in D.C. on the Salton Sea. The administration is focused on western drought, especially in the Colorado River basin, and has begun coordinating with the USDA (US Department of Agriculture) for action.

Lowry Crook, Best Best & Krieger, reported that tomorrow the Administration would release their budget request that would give more detail on what they are proposing for various programs.

## 2. US Bureau of Reclamation

Genevieve Johnson, Program Manager for the Salton Sea, reported that the Bureau received about \$3 million in funds for the Salton Sea program this year.

*\* Public comment by Luis Olmedo resumed here: He commended the state and Mr. Delgado on his follow-through on the SCH project; is concerned about Imperial Irrigation District's lack of transparency and involvement of community regarding work done at Red Hill Bay; and commended Executive Director O'Dowd for his leadership.*

## B. State

### 1. State Advocacy Report

Oracio Gonzalez, Principal, Ollin Strategies, reported on the funds for the Salton Sea included in the governor's updated state budget, and gave an update on the two bonds in the legislature that target significant investments for the Salton Sea.

### 2. State of California

Melinda Dorin, Program Manager I, California Department of Water Resources, gave progress reports on the Species Conservation Habitat, New River, 10-year plan NEPA, and many other areas of the state's Salton Sea Management Program, announced Gail Sevrens' retirement the previous Friday and told of key positions that are currently open with the state.

### 3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area (no report)

## C. Local

### 1. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (no report)

## D. General Manager's Report and Comments

G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority, referred attendees to his GM report (focused on education and communication) that was posted online, shared staff impressions of the SSMP Roundtable Discussion on Tuesday, thoughts on the KESQ Salton Sea series, and gave brief comments on the Desert Shores and North Lake pilot projects.

*\* Public comment: Miguel Hernandez, Communications Coordinator for Comité Cívico del Valle, thanked those who participated in the SSMP (Salton Sea Management Program) Roundtable Discussion and told of campaign and outreach efforts Comité Cívico del Valle's Salton Sea Community, Outreach, Education and Engagement program (COEE) has launched from Palm Springs to across the border in Mexicali.*

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

After closing remarks, President Cardenas declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

### **NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION**

The regularly scheduled meeting will be held:

Thursday, June 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Webinar



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## Checking Account Activity

May 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021



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<b>Warrant Date</b>	<b>Warrant Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		<b>Beginning Cash</b>	<b>\$ 77,399.45</b>
05/03/2021	EFT	Pitney Bowes	(10.00)
05/11/2021	EFT	Pacific Western Payment	(300.49)
05/17/2021	Deposit	USBR Grant Payment – 1st quarter 2021	26,383.27
05/24/2021	1218	Best, Best & Krieger	(5,556.60)
05/24/2021	1219	Cultivating Conservation	(7,000.00)
05/24/2021	1220	Eide Bailly LLP	(1,458.75)
05/24/2021	1221	OfficeTeam	(8,970.66)
05/24/2021	1222	Ollin Strategies	(5,000.00)
05/24/2021	1223	SystemGo IT LLC	(691.00)
05/25/2021	EFT	Verizon Wireless	(140.93)
05/25/2021	EFT	VISA Payment	(278.95)
05/25/2021	Deposit	Deposit - Member Dues for FY 2022	150,000.00
		<b>Net Activity</b>	<b>146,975.89</b>
		<b>Ending Cash</b>	<b>\$ 224,375.34</b>

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Profit & Loss Budget to Actual**  
**(Unaudited)**  
 Year to Date through April 30, 2021

	General Fund	NSBYC Grant	TOTAL	FY 20-21 Budget	% of Budget	\$ Variance
<b>1 INCOME</b>						
2 <b>Local Government/Member Assessments</b>	\$ 549,000	\$ -	\$ 549,000	\$ 549,000	100%	\$ -
3 <b>Grant Funding</b>	-	120,515	120,515	79,600	151%	40,915
4 <b>State of California Grants (Prop 68)</b>	-	-	-	750,000	0%	(750,000)
5 <b>Pooled Cash Allocated Interest</b>	112	-	112	1,500	7%	(1,388)
6 <b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	251	-	251	700	36%	(449)
<b>7 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>549,363</b>	<b>120,515</b>	<b>669,878</b>	<b>1,380,800</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>(710,922)</b>
<b>8 EXPENSE</b>						
9 <b>SSA Administration</b>						
10 <b>Salaries</b>						
11 <b>GM / Executive Director</b>	174,698	-	174,698	156,100	112%	18,598
12 <b>Grant Support</b>	68,657	3,354	72,012	95,500	75%	(23,488)
13 <b>Executive Director Support</b>	23,616	-	23,616	27,300	87%	(3,684)
14 <b>Admin Support A</b>	41,605	-	41,605	48,700	85%	(7,095)
15 <b>Admin Support B</b>	35,425	38	35,463	39,100	91%	(3,637)
16 <b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>344,001</b>	<b>3,392</b>	<b>347,394</b>	<b>366,700</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>(19,306)</b>
17 <b>Employee Benefits</b>						
18 <b>Employee Benefits - GM / Exec. Dir.</b>	53,408	-	53,408	62,000	86%	(8,592)
19 <b>Employee Benefits - Other SSA Staff</b>	48,246	25	48,271	51,200	94%	(2,929)
20 <b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>101,654</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>101,679</b>	<b>113,200</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>(11,521)</b>
21 <b>Audit/Accounting</b>	47,556	3,693	51,249	96,700	53%	(45,451)
22 <b>Contract Attorney</b>	76,194	-	76,194	75,000	102%	1,194
23 <b>Equipment Maintenance</b>	9,951	-	9,951	8,400	118%	1,551
24 <b>Capital Equipment</b>	557	-	557	2,500	22%	(1,943)
25 <b>Insurance</b>	7,195	-	7,195	8,900	81%	(1,705)
26 <b>Office Expense/Operating Supplies</b>	2,769	-	2,769	3,000	92%	(231)
27 <b>Office Expense/Online Services</b>	3,127	-	3,127	1,400	223%	1,727
28 <b>Postage, Mail</b>	1,674	-	1,674	1,800	93%	(126)
29 <b>Printing Services</b>	1,072	-	1,072	4,000	27%	(2,928)
30 <b>Dues, Subscriptions</b>	7,352	-	7,352	10,000	74%	(2,648)
31 <b>Communications</b>	4,475	-	4,475	5,000	90%	(525)
32 <b>Travel/Mileage</b>	9,223	-	9,223	56,000	16%	(46,777)
33 <b>Technical Support - Consultant</b>	-	-	-	40,000	0%	(40,000)
34 <b>Technical Support - Engineering</b>	-	-	-	60,000	0%	(60,000)
35 <b>Technical Support - General</b>	-	-	-	40,000	0%	(40,000)
36 <b>Contract Services / Website</b>	-	-	-	5,000	0%	(5,000)
37 <b>Technical Support - Environmental</b>	-	-	-	60,000	0%	(60,000)
38 <b>Technical Support - Fiscal</b>	-	-	-	50,000	0%	(50,000)
39 <b>Communications &amp; Outreach</b>	4,625	-	4,625	40,000	12%	(35,375)
40 <b>Utilities</b>	-	-	-	3,000	0%	(3,000)
41 <b>Grants &amp; Advocacy</b>	142,781	-	142,781	150,000	95%	(7,219)
42 <b>Project Management</b>	-	-	-	60,000	0%	(60,000)
43 <b>Contingency</b>	-	-	-	33,400	0%	(33,400)
<b>45 Total SSA Administration</b>	<b>764,205</b>	<b>7,109</b>	<b>771,315</b>	<b>1,294,000</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>(522,685)</b>

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Profit & Loss Budget to Actual**  
**(Unaudited)**

Year to Date through April 30, 2021

	General Fund	NSBYC Grant	TOTAL	FY 20-21 Budget	% of Budget	\$ Variance
46	<b>North Shore Grant</b>					
47	-	23,887	23,887	-	0%	23,887
48	-	89,522	89,522	-	0%	89,522
49	-	113,409	113,409	-	0%	113,409
50	764,205	120,518	884,723	1,294,000	68%	(409,277)
51	<b>\$ (214,842)</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ (214,846)</b>	<b>\$ 86,800</b>		<b>\$ (301,646)</b>

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**(Unaudited)**  
**As of April 30, 2021**

	General Fund	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	NSBYC Grant	TOTAL
<b>1 ASSETS</b>				
<b>2     Checking/Savings</b>				
<b>3         Cash - PW Checking</b>	\$ 53,941	\$ 20,991	\$ 2,467	\$ 77,399
<b>4         Cash - RivCo Fund</b>	(31,610)	-	(4,830)	(36,440)
<b>5         RivCo investment fund</b>	5,166	-	-	5,166
<b>6         Cash - Petty Cash</b>	153	-	-	153
<b>7     <b>Total Checking/Savings</b></b>	<b>27,650</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>(2,363)</b>	<b>46,278</b>
<b>8     <b>Other Current Assets</b></b>				
<b>9         Due from Grant Funds</b>	514	-	-	514
<b>10        Prepaid Items</b>	10,778	-	-	10,778
<b>11        Grant Receivable</b>	-	-	31,006	31,006
<b>12     <b>Total Other Current Assets</b></b>	<b>11,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,006</b>	<b>42,298</b>
<b>13 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b></b>	<b>38,941</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>28,643</b>	<b>88,576</b>
<b>14 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b></b>				
<b>15     <b>Liabilities</b></b>				
<b>16        <b>Current Liabilities</b></b>				
<b>17           Accounts Payable</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>18           <b>Credit Cards</b></b>				
<b>19             Credit Card Payable (Visa)</b>	120	-	-	120
<b>20             Credit Card Payable (Pac West)</b>	300	-	-	300
<b>21           <b>Total Credit Cards</b></b>	<b>420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>22           <b>Other Current Liabilities</b></b>				
<b>23             Due to Other Funds</b>	-	-	514	514
<b>24             Accrued Payroll</b>	12,323	-	-	12,323
<b>25             Due to EDA for NSBYC Grant</b>	-	-	29,275	29,275
<b>26             Accrued Vacation</b>	15,725	-	-	15,725
<b>27           <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b></b>	<b>28,049</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>57,838</b>
<b>28     <b>Total Liabilities</b></b>	<b>28,469</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>58,258</b>
<b>29     <b>Fund Balance</b></b>	<b>10,472</b>	<b>20,991</b>	<b>(1,146)</b>	<b>30,318</b>
<b>30 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b></b>	<b>\$ 38,941</b>	<b>\$ 20,991</b>	<b>\$ 28,643</b>	<b>\$ 88,576</b>

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# Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Robert Hargreaves, General Counsel  
**Date:** June 24, 2021  
**Re:** Election of Salton Sea Authority Officers (effective July 1, 2021)  
**CM No.** IV.B.1 – 06-24-2021

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.
- 8.1 The fiscal year of the Authority shall be from July 1 to June 30, following.

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Currently-seated officers are:

	<u>Current:</u>	<u>Agency:</u>
President	Alex Cardenas	IID
Vice President	V. Manuel Perez	Riverside County
Secretary	Luis A. Plancarte	Imperial County
Treasurer	Altrena Santillanes	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

# Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM  
**Date:** June 24, 2021  
**Re:** SSA Resolutions Updating Signatories on SSA Bank Accounts  
**CM No.** IV.C – 06-24-2021

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## **BACKGROUND:**

At the June 24, 2021, Salton Sea Authority (SSA) Board meeting, appointment of officers to the SSA Board are being considered. If changes are made, this will necessitate a corresponding change in signatories on the SSA bank accounts. 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.

SSA’s 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, at any given time.

The attached proposed resolutions include the President \_\_\_\_\_, the Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_, the Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_, and Executive Director/GM G. Patrick O’Dowd as signatories, and the removal of any others who might remain in the bank’s records.

*(Names to be written in on the resolutions, as these positions will have been filled at this same SSA Board meeting.)*

Attached please find proposed Salton Sea Authority Resolutions number 21-02 and 21-03 (one for each bank) 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 President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the GM/Executive Director as signatories.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve SSA Resolutions No. 21-02 and 21-03 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,

G. Patrick O’Dowd  
Executive Director/GM



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-02**

**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 June 2021, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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. 21-03**

**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 June 2021, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_, President; \_\_\_\_\_, Vice-President;  
\_\_\_\_\_, 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.

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Alex Cardenas, President  
Salton Sea Authority

STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
  ) ss.  
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY    )

I, Luis A. Plancarte, Secretary of the Board 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. 21-03 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 June 2021, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 24th day of June 2021.

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Luis A. Plancarte, Secretary  
Salton Sea Authority

# Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM  
**Date:** June 24, 2021  
**Re:** **Consider Nomination of SSA Representative for ACWA Region 9 Board**  
**CM No.** **IV.D – 06-24-2021**

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## **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), which represents agencies responsible for 90% of all water delivered in the State.

SSA’s Executive Director/GM, G. Patrick O’Dowd, has been a member of the ACWA Board of Directors, currently serving as the Chair of its Federal Affairs Committee of the Board. At a special meeting of this Board on November 12, 2020, this Board approved the continued participation of O’Dowd as a member of ACWA’s Region 9 Board, transitioning from his prior authorization for participation from CVWD. That authorization was for the remaining board term, which expires at the end of this year and must be renewed, subject to selection by Region 9 membership for an additional two year period. To continue benefitting the Salton Sea Authority and the region in this capacity, a new authorization from the SSA board is needed at this time to ensure continued participation in this capacity.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve Resolution No. 21-04 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. 21-04**

**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 24th day of June 2021, 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 Executive Director 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.

