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## **Virtual Community Meeting Saturday on Salton Sea North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project**

SALTON SEA – Riverside County, in partnership with the Salton Sea Authority, is managing a \$19.25 million project to revitalize the northern end of the Salton Sea, the first major project for Riverside County’s portion of the Salton Sea by the community of North Shore.

As part of this joint project of the state, county and Salton Sea Authority, Riverside County Supervisor and Salton Sea Authority President V. Manuel Perez invites the community to the first in a series of outreach meetings for the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project, set for 1 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2022.

The meeting will be held via Zoom. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

“The North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project is an important habitat and dust suppression project and a major investment in state funding to revitalize the northern end of the Salton Sea as well as the community of North Shore,” said Supervisor Perez. “I am looking forward to launching outreach and community engagement workshops as we get closer to starting this project that will benefit our region, the Salton Sea as a whole, and the residents who live in the area around the Salton Sea. My sincerest thank you to the California Natural Resources Agency staff, the Salton Sea Authority team, our Riverside County team and Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia for securing the funding for this important and exciting project that is coming for the Salton Sea and our region.”

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The vision of the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project is to build an approximately 156-acre marina near the North Shore Beach & Yacht Club Community Center. The marina would restore and manage habitat for fish, birds and wildlife; control dust; and revitalize the northern end of the Salton Sea as well as the community of North Shore.

Late last year, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Salton Sea Authority board of directors approved reimbursement agreements that allow Riverside County to utilize \$19.25 million in state funding, from the voter-approved Proposition 68 parks bond, to manage this project. In managing this project, Riverside County will serve as a subcontractor to the Salton Sea Authority in consultation with the California Department of Water Resources. The agreement applies Riverside County's experience and expertise in capital project delivery.

"We are excited to partner with the County of Riverside, a Salton Sea Authority member agency, in the advancement of this important first step in the development of projects at and around the Sea," noted G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority ([SaltonSea.com](http://SaltonSea.com)). "The North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project will not only provide immediate benefits to the environment, the local community and region, but will greatly inform other, larger scale projects at the Sea."

The meeting will be an opportunity for community members to learn about the project, ask questions, and provide comments on the project.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86294358371?pwd=T1U1NTc0Vk43WksybW1Eb0UrNjZmQT09>

The meeting ID is 862 9435 8371 and passcode is 20220205

The meeting will also be conducted in Spanish, with the Spanish stream accessible through this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81602965146?pwd=dFJQdCtWQ1hiWml4OEpfYkF2WTEzUT09>

The meeting ID for the Spanish stream is 816 0296 5146, with passcode: 20220205

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*Supervisor V. Manuel Perez represents the eastern two-thirds of Riverside County on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Stretching from Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs, south to the Salton Sea and east to Blythe and the Colorado River, the 4<sup>th</sup> District is the largest geographical district in the county.*

*Supervisor Perez's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.*