

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: August 25, 2022
Re: **California Natural Resources Agency Community Outreach Scope of Work**
CM No. V.C – 08-25-22

As you are aware, the Authority has been in active negotiations with the California Department of Natural Resources for some time, refining a scope of work to facilitate public outreach, engagement, and education. I am pleased to report that on July 20th we received a fully executed grant agreement in the aggregate amount of Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$568,597.00) covering a variety of efforts expected to take place over the next two years. In particular, the grant provides \$250,010 in Personnel costs, which covers five positions including a new Public Relations Director and two part time interns. In addition, the grant provides resource funding for education and outreach, as well as \$50,000 in reimbursable costs for the engagement of Community Based Organizations for work done in conjunction with the state's community amenities effort.

We are grateful to the State and its representatives for working with us to develop this mutually beneficial arrangement, and it will be foundational to much more expanded, important work in the future.

Recommendation: Informational only.