

To the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Staff,

The Bahia Del Mar Property Owners Association represents property owners along the Channels (Keys) at Desert Shores, California. Our Association is leading on the ground efforts to promote the successful completion of the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project. After the Bureau of Reclamation's \$1.25 million grant award for the Desert Shores Project, the Board of Directors of our Association created the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project Oversight Committee and tasked them with the responsibility of overseeing all aspects of the Project including budgetary oversight and complete transparency with all provisions of the grant agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Salton Sea Authority, who was designated to distribute grant funds to all entities responsible for the Desert Shores Project.

At our last Board of Director's Meeting, November 12, 2022, our Oversight Committee gave an update regarding the Desert Shores Project and an analysis of a major part of the Request For Proposal, (RFP) draft, entitled "Scope of Services" . After thorough review by our Oversight Committee of this "Scope of Services" draft proposal, it was determined the draft is unacceptable and does not ensure a successful completion of the Desert Shores Project. Phase 1 (design) and Phase 2 (permitting) of the "Source of Services" draft are not tied directly to Phase 3 (construction) so studies can be completed on Phase 1 and Phase 2 without any construction costs being applied to the Desert Shores Project. The draft "Scope of Services" includes only an engineer's cost estimate for construction, but no actual construction. This would be business as usual for Salton Sea projects as funds could be exhausted in the permitting and design process before any construction is initiated. The Local Community will no longer tolerate " Business as Usual " regarding this Project.

The following Resolutions proposed by our Oversight Committee were voted on by our Board of Directors and passed unanimously:

1. Resolution of support for Imperial County to pursue Build Design concept for Desert Shores Project
2. Resolution in support of Imperial County being reimbursed for CEQA and Hydrology report from BOR grant money.
3. Resolution in support of Imperial County being reimbursed for costs to conduct well water investigations from BOR grant money.

As both the Bahia Del Mar Property Owners Association, and the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project Oversight Committee are named in the \$1.25 million grant award from the Bureau of Reclamation for the Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project, it is

the Board's fiduciary responsibility to ensure all plans follow the requirements set out in the grant agreement from Project initiation to Project completion.

We therefore think it is our responsibility to reach out to the Bureau of Reclamation with our concerns regarding attempts by the Salton Sea Authority to designate Tetra Tech as Sole Source contractor which would bypass the open bid process. This is in contradiction of the express terms of the grant agreement and draft a Request For Proposal (RFP) whose origin may come from contributions from Tetra Tech which would be in direct violation of terms in the grant agreement.

We urgently request the appropriate representative(s) of the Bureau of Reclamation meet with our Oversight Committee Members to discuss these important issues to move the Desert Shores Project forward in the best interests of the community and in accordance with the grant requirements.

Best Regards, Bahia Del Mar Property Owners Association Board of Directors

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cc. Salton Sea Authority Board and Staff