



AGENDA: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
DATE: **Thursday, March 23, 2023**
10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: **County of Imperial Board of Supervisors Chamber**
940 West Main Street, Suite 211
El Centro, CA 92243

The following Directors will be attending via video/teleconference from:

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*The meeting can be viewed live at 10:00 a.m. March 23. Please see the meeting login information at SaltonSea.com/meetings, or access www.zoom.us, click "Join Meeting," and enter **Webinar ID 883 8558 1509** and **Passcode 446431**.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL

A copy of the agenda and supplemental materials will be available for viewing or download at: saltonsea.com/meetings

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This Public Comments time is reserved for comments on any agenda item that is not included under Section V or 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 **Section V Item** listed in the agenda at the time it is called; all other agenda items should be addressed during this general public comment period. California law prohibits members of the Board from taking action on matters not on the agenda.*

*Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
Public comment may be delivered verbally during the meeting.
Via Zoom: use Zoom's "raised hand" feature, or by phone press *9 to be acknowledged.
When you speak, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.
Please address the board, through the Chairman. You may also email your comments in advance to info@saltonsea.com (include in your subject line "Public Comment, 3/23/2023 SSA board meeting.") Hand-delivered comments should be placed in an envelope addressed to "Board Secretary, Salton Sea Authority," delivered to 82995*

Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California, and left with the attending security officer by noon Wednesday, March 22, 2023. 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). 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, March 22, 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. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Current research regarding microbial toxins at the Salton Sea and recommendation for an effective epidemiological study. – Dr. David Lo, Senior Associate Dean for Research at the University of California, Riverside School of Medicine, and a Distinguished Professor in the Division of Biomedical Sciences.

V. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File
 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting February 23, 2023
 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for 2/1/2023 - 2/28/2023
 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: 1/1/2023 – 1/31/2023
 4. Final executed “Agreement for the provision of non-tributary water to the Salton Sea Authority and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians through a public private partnership” – Acknowledge, Receive, and File
- B. Guiding Documents – Review of Salton Sea Authority organizing documents (as amended) and legislation which informs and directs the work of the Authority – G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/General Manager
- C. Oversight and Analysis – Discussion regarding proper role of Authority in assessing and mitigating risks to public health and economic impacts associated with changing conditions at the Salton Sea – G. Patrick O’Dowd Executive Director/General Manager

VI. REPORTS

A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – Jeremy Brooks

B. State

1. State Advocacy Report – Oracio Gonzalez, Principal, Ollin Strategies
2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency (In Person)
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Steve Quartieri, District Superintendent, California State Parks

C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) – Alan Pace, SSAC President

D. Executive Director’s Report and Comments

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board meeting will be held:

Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Coachella Valley Water District

75515 Hovley Lane East

Palm Desert, CA 92260

(760) 398-2651

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