



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

LOCATION: Coachella Valley Water District Board Room
Steve Robbins Administration Building
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 398-2651

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

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*The meeting can be viewed live at 10:00 a.m. on April 27. Please see the meeting login information at SaltonSea.com/meetings, or access www.zoom.us, click "Join Meeting," and enter **Webinar ID 812 3614 5884** 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: saltonseas.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 comments 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, 4/26/2023 SSA board meeting.”) Hand-delivered comments should be placed in an envelope addressed to “Clerk of the Board, Salton Sea Authority,” delivered to 82995 Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California, and left with the attending security officer by noon Wednesday, April 26, 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, April 26, 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 the 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. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File
 - 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting March 23, 2023
 - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for 3/1/2023 – 3/31/2023
 - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: 7/1/2022 – 2/28/2023
 - 4. Financial Statement Analysis – Variance Report February 2023
 - 5. ACWA Region 9 Chair Nomination – G. Patrick O’Dowd
- B. Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Near-term Colorado River Operations.
- C. State Legislative Bill Packet Review
 - 1. Allen
 - i. [SB 867](#) – Resources and Resiliency General Obligation Bond

2. Garcia
 - i. [AB 1567](#) - Resources and Resiliency General Obligation Bond
 - ii. [AB 827](#) – Salton Sea Community Health Study
 - iii. [AB 1593](#) – California Workforce Development Board: Salton Sea Geothermal Resources Area: Equitable Access Program
 - iv. [AB 1569](#) – Salton Sea Geothermal Resource Area: Lithium valley Office of Development
 - v. [AB 1562](#) – Southeastern California Desert Economic Zone
 3. Padilla
 - i. [SB 583](#) – Salton Sea Conservancy
- D. Proposed 2023-2024 Budget - Discussion. Staff recommendation: Approve Budget as presented subject to each member finalizing ministerial, operational, or other actions or approvals.
- E. Schedule of Future Board Meetings – Discuss and potentially take action to change dates and times to address various conflicts.

V. **REPORTS**

- A. Federal
 1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
 2. US Bureau of Reclamation – Jeremy Brooks (No Report)
- 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
 3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Steve Quartieri, District Superintendent, California State Parks – Report to be posted on the website
- 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

VI. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board meeting will be held:
Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

County of Imperial Board of Supervisors Chamber
County Administration Center
940 West Main Street, Suite 211
El Centro, CA 92243
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