

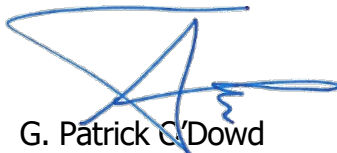
Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM
Date: May 25, 2023
Re: **Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)**

At the last meeting of the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors, Staff were directed to prepare a comment letter on the subject SEIS being developed for certain proposed actions on the Colorado River to address potential shortages. We learned on Monday of this week that the [Department of the Interior is temporarily withdrawing the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement](#) published last month so that it can fully analyze the effects of the proposal under the National Environmental Policy Act. As a result, the original May 30, 2023, deadline for the submission of comments on the draft SEIS is no longer in effect.

Staff determined that it would not be productive to review and distribute the comment letter prepared until it included all scenarios. Our diligence identified several concerns contained therein consistent with prior issues raised by this Board, including ensuring that the environmental impacts to the Sea and region were properly accounted for and responsibly mitigated as a part of any plan. We will continue to monitor the process, and when the new SEIS is resubmitted will update our current draft to reflect appropriate changes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Patrick O'Dowd', written over a horizontal line.

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/GM