



**AGENDA:**  
**DATE:**  
**LOCATION:**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians**  
**Tameka Gymnasium**  
**66725 Martinez Road**  
**Thermal, CA 92274**

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

Director Thomas Torte, Jr.  
Torres Martinez Desert  
Cahuilla Indians  
859 Convention Center Blvd  
New Orleans, LA 70130

To view the meeting live please see the meeting login information at:

<http://www.SaltonSea.com/meetings>

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*A copy of the agenda and supplemental materials will be available for viewing or download at: [www.SaltonSea.com/meetings](http://www.SaltonSea.com/meetings)*

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This Public Comments time is reserved for comments on any non-action agenda item and for matters not on the agenda. California law prohibits members of the Board from taking action on matters not on the agenda.

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction and are invited to speak to any specific action item in the agenda at the time it is called. All non-action agenda items should be addressed during this general public comment period.

**When you speak, state your name for the record, and please address all comments to the Chairwoman. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.**

If attending in person, complete a "request to speak" form and give it to the Clerk of the Board..

To request to speak remotely, use Zoom's "raised hand" feature, or by phone press \*9 to be acknowledged.

Comments may be emailed to **info@saltonsea.com** (include in your subject line “Public Comment,11/16/2023 SSA board meeting”) or delivered by hand or mailed to 82995 Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California, “Attn: Clerk of the Board, Salton Sea Authority”.

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 (provide 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, November 15**, will be acknowledged during public comments. Written comments will be included in the public record but not be read aloud.

### **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 a future agenda.

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 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 October 19, 2023
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for October 31, 2023
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2022 – 09/30/2023

#### B. Desert Shores Project Update – Introduction of Gafcon, Inc. and ratification of Consulting agreement dated October 24, 2023.

#### C. Imperial Streams and Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study update (USACE Representative), approve or ratify “3x3x3 Exemption Request Letter of Support from the Non-Federal Sponsors”, and take other action as appropriate.

#### D. Outreach, Engagement and Education progress report - Staff

#### E. Monitoring, Mitigation, and Accountability – update on efforts to provide assurance of health and safety – Staff

## **V. REPORTS**

*(Due to the Special Program, no oral reports will be provided)*

### A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – 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 – Andrew Ahlberg, Interim District Superintendent, California State Parks

### C. Local

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

### D. Executive Director’s Report and Comments - G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority

## **VI. SPECIAL PROGRAM**

### A. Salton Sea Authority – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

### **NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, December 7 at 10:00a.m.  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Steve Robbins Administrative Building  
75515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
760-398-2651

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