



**AGENDA:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
**DATE:** Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Coachella Valley Water District  
Steve Robbins Admin Bldg.  
75515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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

Director Yxstian Gutierrez  
Riverside County 5<sup>th</sup> District  
14375 Nason St. Suite 207  
Moreno Valley, CA 92555

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This Public Comments time is reserved for commenting on any item 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 but are asked to speak to any specific item on the agenda at the time it is called.

**Speakers should state their name for the record and address all comments to the Chair, limiting remarks to three (3) minutes.**

In person attendees should complete a “request to speak” form and provide it to the Clerk of the Board. Remote speakers must use Zoom’s “raised hand” feature (or if by phone, press \*9) to be recognized.

Written comments may be emailed to [info@saltonseas.com](mailto:info@saltonseas.com), or delivered by hand or mail to 82995 Highway 111, Suite 200, Indio, California, “Attn: Clerk of the Board, Salton Sea Authority”. Please include “Public Comment, 2/15/2024 Board meeting” in the subject line, and also include your name and address (addresses will be redacted), referencing the specific agenda item if appropriate.

All written comments will be distributed to the Board, posted on **SaltonSea.com** for public viewing and, **if received before noon on Wednesday, February 14**, will be publicly acknowledged during the Board meeting. (Written comments will be included in the public record but not be read aloud.)

### **III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

This time is set aside for members of the Board to share thoughts and concerns regarding general Authority matters not on the agenda, ask questions of staff, and request items to 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 allow for public discourse.

### **IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION**

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File
  - 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting January 18, 2024
  - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for January 31, 2024
  - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for December 2023
- B. Monitoring and Public Health
  - a. Monitoring, Mitigation and Enforcement at Owens Lake, CA - Phill Kiddoo, Air Pollution Control Officer - Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
  - b. Update on research regarding microbial toxins at the Salton Sea – 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.
  - c. Review of current relevant legislation – Oracio Gonzalez, Ollin Strategies
    - i. Assembly Bill 1834, “An act relating to public health” – Garcia
    - ii. Senate Bill 937, Pilot project relating to dust forecast, etc. - Padilla
  - d. Review Board direction to Staff
- C. Desert Shores – Gafcon Update and Amended Scope of Work – Gafcon representatives, Staff
- D. Other Project Updates
  - a. North Lake Demonstration Pilot Project

### **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 – Enrique Arroyo, District Superintendent, California State Parks – Introduce/Welcome as the new Parks Superintendent
- 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. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10:00a.m.  
Imperial County BOS Chamber  
940 West Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243  
442-265-1020

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