



MEMO

TO: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors and G. Patrick O’Dowd
FROM: Lisa Moore
RE: **Federal Report**
DATE: February 14, 2024

Executive Director O’Dowd will be visiting D.C. for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) meeting this coming February 27 and 28. We are in the process of scheduling meetings with our delegation to discuss Authority matters.

As we discussed in our prior board meeting, our delegation has reached out to us to request updates concerning: (1) the Army Corps of Engineers feasibility study, including to ask whether additional appropriations may be needed to undertake the Corps and local sponsors’ preferred course of action 2 (COA 2); (2) whether there may be existing funding within agency budgets to direct to the feasibility study, given the fact that FY25 appropriations will likely not come to pass quickly; and (3) the Authority’s Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) requests that were submitted with the support of CNRA Secretary Crowfoot to also ensure full funding of the feasibility study.

In preparation for the meetings, we prepared the attached draft fact sheet regarding the Corps feasibility study, which is attached.