

# Salton Sea Community Needs and Recommended Actions 2023

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## Appendix B Methodology

Kounkuey Design Initiative and Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition Direct Community Outreach: In December 2022, the Salton Sea Authority issued a Request for Proposals for a community partner to lead outreach on community needs, to incorporate within the Report Non-profit Kounkuey Design Initiative (KDI) was selected to direct outreach with the communities in Eastern Coachella and worked in partnership with Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition, in Imperial County, to further ground truth findings from the landscape analysis and working groups. This outreach included community feedback from 255 individuals through community tabling events in Brawley, Calipatria, Westmorland, Salton City, El Centro, Calexico, and Thermal, as well as five virtual and in-person focus groups that engaged 55 community participants from both Riverside and Imperial Counties, representing youth and older adults. KDI and IV Justice and Equity also collected more than 500 community surveys online and in-person. ***Residents were compensated for completing surveys and participating in focus groups.*** See survey and mobile engagement results in Appendix F

## Appendix E Salton Sea Community Benefits Survey & Mobile Engagement Findings

12. In order to claim your \$10 gift card, we need a way to get in touch with you. Please fill out the information below:

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