

FINAL AGENDA



AGENDA: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: North Shore Fire Station 41
99-054 Sea View Drive
Mecca, CA 92254

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

Director Yxstian Gutierrez
Riverside County 5th District
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92502

Director Luis Plancarte
Second District, Imperial County
940 W. Main Street, Suite 209
El Centro, CA 92243
(442) 265-1032

Director Alex Cardenas
Imperial Irrigation District Div 1
CASA of Imperial County
229 South 8th Street, Suite B
El Centro, CA 92243

Vice President Castulo Estrada
Vice President CVWD
City of Coachella Corporate Yard
53-462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

Special Notice:

Effective May 1, 2024 the business address and telephone number for the Salton Sea Authority will change.
The new address is:

82500 Highway 111, Suite 4
Indio, CA 92201
(760) 565-3100

Remote participation for this meeting is accessible at:

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

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

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at the time it is called. All non-action agenda items should be addressed during this general public comment period.

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@saltonsea.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, 04/18/2024 Board meeting” in the subject line, and also include your name, 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, April 17**, 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 March 21, 2024
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for March 31, 2024
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for February 29, 2024

B. Review and Approve Salton Sea Authority 2024/2025 Budget

C. Outreach & Education – Contract implementation and extension update

D. Review and approve certain agreement necessary to effectuate CADIZ donation to the Salton Sea Authority:

1. Approve Joinder Agreement with San Bernardino County, Fenner Gap Mutual Water Company and Santa Margarita Water District to authorize the joinder of Salton Sea Authority for ex officio, non-voting, membership in the Fenner Valley Water Authority through a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, effective on the last date executed by the parties.

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2. Approve the appointment of _____ as the Salton Sea Authority Director and _____ as the Salton Sea Authority Alternate Director for the Board of Directors of the Fenner Valley Water Authority for an initial two-year term, effective retroactively as of April 1, 2024, through April 1, 2026.

E. Legislative Updates

1. AB674 – Padilla
2. Budget
 - a. Desert Shores Specific Request
 - b. Update and Direction regarding potential funding gaps
3. Bond

F. Project Updates

1. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project
2. Desert Shores
3. Bombay Beach

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

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, May 16, 2024, at 10:00a.m.

Imperial County BOS Chamber

940 W. Main Street

El Centro, CA 92243

(760) 265-1020

Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection in the lobby at the front desk of the County Law Building located at 82995 Highway 111, Indio, CA 92201.