



AGENDA: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
DATE: **Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**
LOCATION: **County of Imperial**
Board of Supervisors Chamber
County Administration Center
940 West Main Street, Suite 211
El Centro, CA 92243

The following Salton Sea Authority Directors will be attending remotely via video/teleconference from the location(s) indicated:

Director V. Manuel Perez
Riverside County
78015 Main Street, Suite 205
La Quinta, CA 92253

Vice-President Castulo Estrada
Coachella Valley Water District
53462 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

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](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 other remarks should be provided 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 82500 Highway 111, Suite 4, Indio, California, "Attn: Clerk of the Board, Salton Sea Authority". Please include "Public Comment, 03/20/2025 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, March 19**, 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 16, 2025
 - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for 12/31/24, 1/31/25, and 2/28/25
 - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for the seven months ended January 31, 2025
- B. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project Proposition 68 Grant Maturity Date Extension Ratification
- C. Desert Shores Restoration – Gafcon Contract Amendment Approval
- D. IID Presentation – System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) – Dylan Mohamed, Water Conservation Analyst
- E. Vertical Tube Evaporator, Multi-Effect Distillation (VTE-MED) presentation - Tom Sephton

- F. Salton Sea Authority 2025/2026 Draft Operating Budget (First Presentation)
- G. Community Engagement Update (Video) Tara Mulally, CV Strategies, Chief Strategy Officer
- H. Imperial Valley Salton Sea Summit - Eric Reyes
- I. Conservancy (SB 583)
 - 1. Implementation
 - 2. Proposition 4 Allocations

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
 - 2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency
 - 3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Cassandra Van Dyne, Interpreter & Educator, 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 22, at 10:00 a.m.

at

Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration Bldg.
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 16, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority ("Authority") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order by Chair Dockstader, at 10:04 a.m., January 16, 2025 at the Coachella Valley Water District and via Zoom Webinar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Director Singh

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE

Gina Dockstader, Secretary
Alex Cárdenas, Director
Martha Singh, Director
John Aguilar, Director
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President
Ex-Officio Joe Shea

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Coachella Valley Water District
Coachella Valley Water District
California Natural Resources Agency

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Ryan E. Kelley, Director

AGENCY

Imperial County - Arrived 11:02am

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Yxstian Gutierrez, Treasurer
V. Manuel Perez, Director

AGENCY

Riverside County
Riverside County

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians have not yet assigned (2) anyone to sit on the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

- A. On Site: Pat Cooper, Deputy Chief of Staff, Riverside County, Juan DeLara, Salton Sea Action Committee, Trina Hamby, Imperial County Environmental Consumer Protection Manager Imperial County Public Health Department Environmental Health Division, John Coleman, Rhian Reyes, Campaign Organizer; Audubon California, Tara Brava Mulally, CV Strategies and Jim Barrett, General Manager, CVWD

Via Zoom: Partial List, due to recording issues.

Eric Reyes, Executive Director, Los Amigos dela Comunidad, Susie Ming, Chief, Coastal Section, Programs and Project Management Division USACE, Lisa Moore, Cultivating Conservation, and Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Reyes, that the SEIS presentation be placed back on the agenda in light of the settlement between IID and the Sierra Club, commented on monitors and a lack of public data or where to find it.

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Cardenas requested and President Dockstader so instructed staff to place SEIS agenda for March.

Director Singh from the Imperial County Board of Supervisors was welcomed to the board by her fellow members. Director Singh expressed her appreciation and enthusiasm to advocate with fellow members and their respective agencies on behalf of the Salton Sea and surrounding communities.

President Dockstader introduced Joe Shea the new Assistant Secretary to the Salton Sea Policy. He shared his experience of having worked with Governor Newsome for the last 7 years, and has long been interested in Salton Sea issues. He looks forward to collaborating to advance our shared priorities.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION¹

B. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File

1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting November 14, 2024
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification – 11/1/2024 thru 11/30/2024
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report – October 31, 2024
4. Ratification of Interim Controller for the Salton Sea Authority

On motion by Cardenas second by, Aguilar the Board approved the Consent Calendar to be received and filed.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

¹ Consistent with the Salton Sea Authority bylaws, there being at least three of the five member agencies represented, when the second director of the same agency is absent a single director shall carry the vote of both directors.

ABSTAINED: 1 (not present at previous meeting)

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

- C. Imperial Streams Salton Sea and Tributaries Feasibility Study update - Susan (Susie) M. Ming, PE Chief, Coastal Section, Programs and Project Management Division; USACE, LA District gave a brief update on the ISSS study objectives and recent accomplishments.

Director Cardenas appreciated the Gantt Chart and inquired about the budget. Ms. Ming advised project budget runs through 2028, and meet regularly Congressman Ruiz's staff in this regard.

Michael Cohen commented on the Alamo River as an early start candidate. He asked landownership issues, including IID lands and Geothermal companies. Ms. Ming noted the process was just initiated started in late 2024 and expect this will accelerate shortly. Director Cardenas and President Dockstader offered assistance regarding IID lands as appropriate.

- D. Audubon California tour / collaborative outreach - Rhian Reyes, Campaign Organizer; Audubon California gave a brief update on the tour scheduled for January 31st.

Vice-President Estrada noted a potential lost opportunity to collaborate with Audubon, working together to educate the public and request funding from electeds who may be invited to these events.

Executive Director, O'Dowd noted the Authority was brought in late in the planning process, and offered that future, advanced, collaborative planning for these events increase both efficiency and effectiveness.

Director Cardenas highlighted the upcoming Imperial Valley Salton Sea Conference scheduled for May 9, and requested staff reach out to Eric Reyes regarding the Authority's participation.

- E. Engagement, Outreach & Education update – Tara Bravo Mulally, Chief Strategy Officer; CV Strategies gave a brief update. Our goal is to create a centralized communication strategy for the Authority. Health concerns were identified as a high priority of each member agency, and the importance of public perception and understanding of existing and planned future efforts to address those concerns. President Dockstader requested a schedule of deliverables for the next meeting.

Jeremy Brooks and Lisa Moore both voiced the importance of expanded outreach and community support for current and future work.

O'Dowd stressed the importance of coordinating outreach efforts with state, federal, and local partners and stakeholders in a manner which enhances project engagement, education, and advocacy resources for the long term benefit of the Sea and region.

F. Salton Sea Conservancy Update (SB 583 / Prop 4) / Governor's 25/26 Budget
O'Dowd highlighted the \$10MM allocated to the Authority and the conservancy in Prop 4, then invited Mr. Shea to provide an update on the Governor's budget. Mr Shea discussed the \$147.6MM net (\$160MM appropriated less "bond costs") for climate bond funding for SSMP projects at the Sea. Regarding the Conservancy, the State is committed to putting out a proposal in the Spring of 2025. O'Dowd circled back to \$10MM, noting that collectively we need to ensure that it is used for maximum benefit by both the Authority and the state, and expressed the desire to collaborate to determine what that might look like.

Director Estrada asked for clarification, and Mr. Shea confirmed that at present it's a high level proposal for the \$160MM in the SSMP which is part of the \$10B climate bond that passed November 5th. The final proposal will outline how to spend these SSMP funds. Noting the separate \$10MM pot for Prop 4 which sets the funds aside specifically for 1. the Salton Sea Conservancy, and 2. The Salton Sea Authority. Executive Director O'Dowd reminded the Board and Mr. Shea of the history of negotiations on the bond, where historically these funds were broken out into two separate baskets – one for the Authority, one for the conservancy, but in the end they were consolidated for mutual benefit. O'Dowd also noted that it is incumbent upon the state and the Authority to reach consensus as to how those funds are best utilized, and by whom.

G. Project Updates

1. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project

O'Dowd gave a brief update. Working with the engineers to develop a revised schedule and budget, we are nearing a completion date on that schedule and budget.

2. Desert Shores – O'Dowd gave a brief update. Gafcon and the Authority engaged Nicklaus Engineering to do the geo technical assessment of the finger lakes on how to best approach restoring that project. It is comprised of 100s of residential lots, and access is required for testing to inform and advance design efforts.

3. Bombay Beach - Jeremy gave a brief update. The Bureau has been funding Audubon and were allocated \$2MM to design the Bombay Beach project. The state and Audubon have been working very closely on this project, just recently the State took the lead. And is working with Audubon to push plans forward. Hopefully by year end they will be sending out a contract/bid. The State is securing \$5MM from the Water Board and \$2MM from Congress as requested by Congressman Ruiz, all put in their FY budget to help with this project.

V. REPORTS

A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation gave a brief update on the new congress.
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – Jeremy Brooks, gave a brief update. The commitments agreement from December 2022 is materially complete, the Bureau obligated \$249MM and just obligated another \$75MM to SCH and \$2MM to IID. Will have more material on new projects coming up at the next meeting.

B. State

1. Executive Director O'Dowd noted that strategies are being developed by Authority staff to address this need on a continuing basis.
2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency gave a brief update. Working on 150 acres of expansion at the SCH and construction of a new berm. Community outreach, they had 50 outreach opportunities in 2024.
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Taylour Unzicker, Ocotillo Wells District shared a power point on the visitation data from 2019-2024, with 33K day use visitors and 16K overnight in 2019 and 19K day visitors and 10K overnight in 2024.

C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee – Juan DeLara, SSAC President gave a brief update. Working with Audubon on the January 31, bus tour and very excited to be working with CV Strategies on outreach opportunities.

- D. Executive Director's Report and Comments - G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority, O'Dowd gave a brief update. Director Perez asked Tom Sephton to do a presentation on his desalination project at the next meeting. O'Dowd is setting up a tour at Mr. Sephton's facility with board members along with some state and federal representatives after our next board meeting March 20.

VI. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Water Desalination / Reuse – Tom Sephton
- B. Draft Salton Sea Authority 25/26 Budget

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Imperial County BOS Chambers

940 W. Main Street

El Centro, CA 92243

(442) 265-1020

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Salton Sea Authority
Checking Account Activity
December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Date	Number			Amount
12/03/2024	EFT	Lee and Associates Property Management	Office rent 12/24	(1,200.00)
12/03/2024	Deposit	Dept of Water Resources	Grant reimbursement Prop 68 N Lake Demo Project	126,599.47
12/11/2024	EFT	Banc of California	Visa billing cycle ended 11/24	(1,366.16)
12/19/2024	EFT	Imperial Irrigation District	Electricity service 12/24	(64.67)
12/19/2024	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 11/24	(4,012.90)
12/19/2024	ACH	Riverside County	Replenish payroll account	(123,815.88)
12/19/2024	ACH	SystemGo IT LLC	Website services 12/24	(382.00)
12/19/2024	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting services 11/24	(7,350.00)
12/19/2024	ACH	Eide Bailly LLP	Accounting services 10/24	(5,671.80)
12/19/2024	ACH	ACWA	ACWA Membership Renewal 2025	(6,750.00)
12/19/2024	ACH	CSDA	CSDA Membership Renewal 2025	(1,809.00)
12/27/2024	EFT	Frontier Communications	Internet service 12/24	(94.99)

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 532,153.92

Monthly Activity (25,917.93)

Ending Cash Balance	\$ 506,235.99
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Salton Sea Authority
Checking Account Activity
January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025

Date	Number			Amount
01/16/2025	EFT	Lee and Associates Property Management	Office rent 1/25	(1,200.00)
01/22/2025	Deposit	Dept of Water Resources	Grant reimbursement Prop 68 N Lake Demo Project	3,049.38
01/28/2025	EFT	Banc of California	Visa billing cycle ended 12/24	(737.82)
01/28/2025	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 12/24	(180.50)
01/28/2025	ACH	SystemGo IT LLC	Website services 12/24	(397.00)
01/28/2025	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting services 12/24	(7,350.00)
01/28/2025	ACH	Eide Bailly LLP	Accounting services 10/24	(6,400.19)
01/28/2025	Check	Lisa Bravata	Reimbursement of expenses	(103.60)
01/28/2025	ACH	Janice Rosenquist	Accounting services - Transition in 12/24	(2,035.00)
01/28/2025	EFT	Frontier Communications	Internet service 12/24	(94.99)
01/28/2025	Check	Coachella Valley WD		(2,100.00)
Beginning Cash Balance				\$ 506,242.49
Monthly Activity				(17,549.72)
Ending Cash Balance				\$ 488,692.77



Salton Sea Authority
Checking Account Activity
February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025

Date	Number			Amount
02/03/2025	ACH	Imperial Irrigation District	Electricity service 2/25	(82.54)
02/03/2025	ACH	Imperial Irrigation District	Electricity service 1/25	(82.54)
02/04/2025	ACH	Lee Associates	Office rent 2/25	(1,200.00)
02/11/2025	ACH	Banc of California	Credit card 2/25	(1,820.36)
02/20/2025	Deposit	Grant Reimbursement	Prop 68 N Lake Demo Project	23,696.83
02/27/2025	1703	Secretary of State	Public agency registration FY 24/25	(6.50)
02/27/2025	ACH	Riverside County	Payroll funding	(210,000.00)
02/27/2025	ACH	Gafcon, Inc	Grant reimbursement for period ended 12/24	(15,463.54)
02/27/2025	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting services 1/25	(7,350.00)
02/27/2025	ACH	Nicklaus Engineering, Inc.	Grant reimbursement for period ended 12/24	(6,879.93)
02/27/2025	ACH	Janice Rosenquist	Accounting services 1/25	(5,280.00)
02/27/2025	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 1/25	(1,877.20)
02/27/2025	ACH	County of Imperial*	Grant reimbursement check	(846.78)
02/27/2025	ACH	SystemGo IT LLC	Website services 1/25	(397.00)
02/27/2025	ACH	Eide Bailly LLP	Accounting services 11/24	(246.00)
02/27/2025	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 1/25	(186.30)
02/27/2025	ACH	Frontier Communications	Internet service 1/25	(94.99)

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 488,692.77

Monthly Activity (228,116.85)

Ending Cash Balance \$ 260,575.92



Salton Sea Authority
Budget to Actual
General Fund (Unaudited)
For the Period July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025

	A	B	C	B / C	B - C
	January 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 58%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 Local Government / Member Assessments	\$ -	\$ 810,000	\$ 800,000	101%	\$ 10,000
3 Other Federal / State / Local Contributions	-	3,864	10,000	39%	(6,136)
4 Sponsorships	-	-	10,000	0%	(10,000)
5 Other Grants	-	-	-	N/A	-
Interest Income	-	9	-	N/A	9
6 Miscellaneous Revenue	7	110	-	N/A	110
7 Grant and Other Reimbursements to General Fund	-	-	-	N/A	-
8 Grant Reimbursements and Other Income	7	120	30,000	0%	(29,880)
9 TOTAL REVENUE	7	813,984	850,000	96%	(36,016)
10 EXPENSES					
11 SSA Administration					
12 Salaries & Benefits					
13 Total Salaries	17,886	129,246	225,900	57%	(96,654)
14 Total Employee Benefits	9,456	68,198	127,000	54%	(58,802)
15 Total Salaries & Benefits	27,342	197,445	352,900	56%	(155,455)
16 Contract / Professional Services					
17 DC Advocates	14,700	51,450	89,600	57%	(38,150)
18 Sacramento Advocates	-	21,000	84,000	25%	(63,000)
19 Attorney Fees	2,244	14,803	59,400	25%	(44,597)
20 Audit & Accounting	5,280	53,642	62,000	87%	(8,358)
21 Other Contract Services	-	-	17,400	0%	(17,400)
22 Total Contract / Professional Services	22,224	140,895	312,400	45%	(171,505)
23 Administration					
24 Travel/Mileage	104	6,862	50,000	14%	(43,138)
25 Office Rent	1,200	8,400	18,000	47%	(9,600)
26 Utilities	-	918	6,000	15%	(5,082)
27 Repair and Service Maintenance	-	294	-	N/A	294
28 Office Rent, Utilities, and Repair/Maintenance	1,200	9,613	24,000	40%	(14,387)
29 Equipment / IT Maintenance	794	3,004	5,100	59%	(2,096)
30 Non-capitalized Office Equipment		1,081	8,000	14%	(6,919)
31 Insurance	1,056	7,394	13,000	57%	(5,606)
32 Office Expense/Operating Supplies	969	3,654	8,700	42%	(5,046)
33 Office Expense/Online Services	99	2,336	5,400	43%	(3,064)
34 Dues, Subscriptions		500	-	N/A	500
35 Dues, Subscriptions		5,512	10,000	55%	(4,488)
36 Dues, Subscriptions	1,057	6,012	10,000	60%	(3,988)
37 Operating Expenses/County Charges	2,315	5,142	5,400	95%	(258)
38 Board Room Usage and Recordings	2,623	2,623	3,600	73%	(977)
39 Interest Expense			1,500	0%	(1,500)
40 Total Administration	10,218	47,720	134,700	35%	(86,980)
41 TOTAL EXPENSES	59,784	386,060	800,000	48%	(413,941)
42 NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)	\$ (59,776)	\$ 427,924	\$ 50,000	856%	\$ 377,924

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Salton Sea Authority
Budget to Actual
DWR - Proposition 68 Grant (Unaudited)
For the Period July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025

	A	B	C	B / C	B - C
	January 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 58%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 State of California Grant (Prop 68)	\$ -	\$ 27,417	\$ 2,000,000	1%	\$ (1,972,583)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	27,417	2,000,000	1%	\$ (1,972,583)
4 EXPENSES					
5 Salton Sea Authority Salaries & Contract Accounting	-	27,591	79,700	35%	(52,109)
6 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo		(174)	1,920,300	0%	(1,920,474)
7 TOTAL EXPENSES	-	27,417	2,000,000	1%	(1,972,583)
8 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -

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Salton Sea Authority

Budget to Actual

BOR -DSR (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025

	A	B	C	B / C	B - C
	January 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 58%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 Bureau of Reclamation Grant	\$ -	\$ 476	\$ 750,000	0%	\$ (749,524)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	476	750,000	0%	(749,524)
4 EXPENSES					
5 Salton Sea Authority Salaries & Contract Accounting	-		25,000	0%	(25,000)
6 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Revitalization	-	476	725,000	0%	(724,524)
7 TOTAL EXPENSES	-	476	750,000	0%	(749,524)
8 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Salton Sea Authority
Balance Sheet
(Unaudited)
As of January 31, 2025

1	ASSETS		
2	Checking/Savings	\$	492,830
3	Rent Deposits		1,250
4	Prepaid Items		9,958
5	Grants Receivable		11,640
6	Right to Use Asset		25,583
7	TOTAL ASSETS		671,287
9	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
10	LIABILITIES		
11	Accounts Payable		38,527
12	Credit Card Payable		1,840
13	Accrued Payroll		13,326
14	Accrued Vacation		75,696
15	Lease Liability		25,736
16	Due to Riverside County		118,046
18	TOTAL LIABILITIES		262,222
20	FUND BALANCE		409,065
22	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$	671,287

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Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: March 20, 20025


Re: North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project – Prop 68 Grant Extension

The Proposition 68 grant agreement for the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project, having been previously extended to finalize geological and hydrological testing and to develop a feasible approach to the proposed project, was scheduled to expire on March 30, 2025. While significant progress has been made in answering the questions sought, issues relating to the quality and sufficiency of water supply continue to linger, which will require additional testing and evaluation. In collaboration with Riverside County as the Implementing Agency on this project and in coordination with DWR as the grantee and a strong project partner, we have collectively agreed that an additional extension of this grant through December 31, 2025 was in order. Consistent with Authority customs and practices, the Executive Committee authorized the request to be submitted to DWR to extend the maturity as indicated, which was recently granted and executed. The purpose of this item is to ratify the amendment of this grant agreement, extending its maturity through December 31, 2025 as recommended by staff and our project partners. No new money was granted, and no other terms of the agreement were modified.

Recommendation:

Ratify the amendment as executed.

OFFICE MEMO

TO:  Evon Willhoff	DATE: March 6, 2025
FROM: Melinda Dorin	SUBJECT: Request for Amendment #2 Grant Agreement No. 4600013991

The Salton Sea Authority (Grantee) requests an amendment to Agreement No. 4600013991, Proposition 68, Local Assistance grant agreement; this is the second amendment of this agreement.

This amendment consists of an extension of the grant agreement termination date (Paragraph 2) of the grant agreement.

Paragraph 2, Term of Grant Agreement

This amendment extends the termination dates listed in Paragraph 2. The work completion date is extended from March 31, 2025, to December 31, 2025; and the final date to request reimbursement of funds is extended from June 30, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

The Grantee faced several unexpected setbacks, which have impacted the original timeline. Acknowledging these challenges, on September 18, 2024, Amendment 1 was executed to extend the work completion date from December 31, 2024 to March 30, 2025. This allowed the Grantee time to work towards refining the project's scope, schedule, and budget based on updated water supply and geotechnical data. However, additional unexpected technical studies and surveys are needed to verify the feasibility of the project. The Grantee anticipates an amendment before the end of 2025 to update the scope of work, schedule, and budget of the agreement to reflect the revised project design based on technical information gathered to progress the design.


All other Exhibits and terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain the same.

Justification for this amendment is reasonable, and the proposed revisions are consistent with the Grantee's original proposal, the Proposition 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

Attachments:

- Written request from Grantee
- Draft amendment
- Attachment

 This request for amendment is approved.



 Melinda Dorin
 Salton Sea Restoration Office Program Manager I
 DWR Executive Division

Written Request from Grantee



March 4, 2025

Evon Willhoff
Acting Assistant Deputy Director for Salton Sea Restoration
Department of Water Resources
PO Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Dear Ms. Willhoff,

I am writing on behalf of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) to request an amendment to the "Grant Agreement Between the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and Salton Sea Authority Agreement Number 4600013991 Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant" (Grant). Pursuant to Section D.3 of "Exhibit D Standard Conditions," we respectfully ask that Item 2. TERM OF AGREEMENT be revised to reflect a new expiration date of December 31, 2025.

The project has faced several unexpected setbacks, which have impacted the original timeline. Acknowledging these challenges, on September 16, 2024 the State provided an initial extension until March 30, 2025. This allowed the Grantee and Implementing Agency time to refine the project's scope, schedule, and budget based on updated water supply and geotechnical data.

Currently, we are investigating the feasibility of this revised project concept, focusing on the seasonal variability of water supply and the impact of protected species in the project area wetlands. With the State team's assistance, The requested extension should provide the Authority and Riverside County with additional time to address these critical issues, assess the financial resources needed to complete the project, while seeking the necessary additional State funding, all vital to the project's ultimate success.

According to the schedule provided by DUDEK, our engaged engineer (see attached), and assuming positive outcomes from the ongoing additional work and active engagement from all partner agencies, we are targeting for the preconstruction phase - including Final Design Documents, Supplemental CEQA, Permitting, and right-of-way and land acquisitions - to be completed by September 2026.

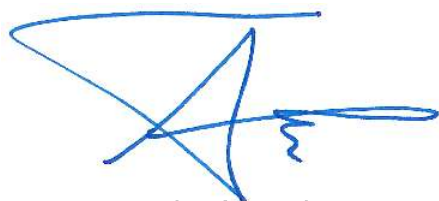
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Evon Willhoff
Department of Water Resources
March 4, 2024
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The Authority, as Grantee, and Riverside County, as Implementing Agency, remain committed to the significant environmental and community benefits this project will deliver. Despite the frustrating delays, we are making substantial progress, and community support continues to grow. Granting this extension would further demonstrate the State's support for this critical local initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We eagerly await your positive response to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Patrick O'Dowd', with a stylized flourish at the end.

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director / General Manager
Salton Sea Authority

Draft Amendment

**GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES) AND
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
AGREEMENT NUMBER 4600013991
PROPOSITION 68 LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANT**

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, herein referred to as the "State" or "DWR" and Salton Sea Authority, a joint powers authority in the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, herein referred to as the "Grantee", which parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. State shall provide funding from the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) to Grantee to assist in financing a project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 80110, subd. (a).
2. TERM OF GRANT AGREEMENT. The term of this Grant Agreement begins on the date this Grant Agreement is initially executed by the State, through final payment plus three (3) years unless otherwise terminated or amended as provided in this Agreement. However, all work shall be completed by ~~March 31, 2025~~ **December 31, 2025** and no funds may be requested after ~~June 30, 2025~~ **March 31, 2026**.
3. GRANT AMOUNT. The maximum amount payable by the State under this Grant Agreement shall not exceed \$19,250,000.
4. GRANTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY. Grantee and its representatives shall:
 - a) Faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all project work as described in Exhibit A (Work Plan) with specific deliverables and in accordance with Exhibit B (Budget) and Exhibit C (Schedule). Any deviations to deliverables, budget changes or schedules targets will be approved by DWR pursuant to Paragraph D.3 in Exhibit D, "Standard Conditions"
 - b) Accept and agree to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions, and written commitments of this Grant Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by Grantee in the documents, amendments, and communications filed in support of its request for California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 financing.
 - c) Comply with all applicable California laws and regulations.
 - d) Implement the project in accordance with applicable provisions of the law.
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5. BASIC CONDITIONS. The State shall have no obligation to disburse money for the project under this Grant Agreement until the Grantee has satisfied the following conditions:
 - a) The Grantee submits deliverables as specified in Paragraph 15 of this Grant Agreement and in Exhibit A.
 - b) Prior to the commencement of construction or implementation activities, Grantee shall submit the following to the State:
 - 1) Final plans and specifications certified, signed, and stamped by a California Registered Professional Civil Engineer for the project listed in Exhibit A of this Grant Agreement.

**Grant Agreement 4600013991
Amendment 2
Under Proposition 68 Local Assistance Grant
State of California
Natural Resources Agency
Department of Water Resources
Agreement Between the State of California
Department of Water Resources
and the Salton Sea Authority**

This amendment to Agreement 4600013991 is made on 3/14/2025. The agreement is amended as follows:

Agreement: Paragraph 2

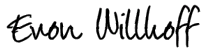
The Agreement work completion date is extended to December 31, 2025, and the final date to request reimbursement is extended to March 31, 2026, in Paragraph 2, TERM OF FUNDING AGREEMENT (attached).

All other terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this amendment on the date first written above.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Salton Sea Authority



Evon Willhoff, Lead Manager
Executive Division



G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/General Manager

Date 3/14/2025

Date 3/14/2025

Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency

Catherine Cavanaugh, Attorney V
Office of General Counsel

Date _____

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 - 2) Work that is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and or environmental permitting shall not proceed under this Grant Agreement until the following actions are performed:

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: March 20, 2025

Re: Desert Shores Restoration Project – GAFCON Amendment #4

GAFCON, Inc. was engaged by the Authority on October 24, 2023 to assist in advancing the CEQA process and working with the community stakeholders in clarifying the project scope and budget. Shortly after the initial engagement the complexity of the effort was clarified and effective as of February 15, 2024, Amendment 1 was signed clarifying the scope as outlined in the initial agreement, with no other changes made.

Following extensive due diligence and several well organized community meetings, it was determined that geotechnical and hydrologic data for the project site was not readily available, and that in order to determine the feasibility and design of the project it would be necessary to enlist engineering services for this work. To do that, the Gafcon agreement was modified (Amendment 2) to provide an increase of \$10,000 to the original contract amount to prepare an RFP, solicit interest, and subject to this board's approval, facilitate the onboarding of a firm to assist in this work. As previously reported that undertaking was successfully completed, and Nichlaus Engineering was hired for that purpose.

Subsequently, it was learned that certain of Nichlaus team were subject to prevailing wage which requires a specialized accounting skill that the Authority does not possess. On February 17, 2025 this board approved Amendment #3 to the Gafcon contract to provide prevailing wage reporting services. Gafcon is now working with Nichlaus to secure access to the project site for testing purposes, and will work with Nichlaus through the completion of their assignment to inform a final feasibility assessment of the proposed project.

Given the protracted delays driven in large part by the vast technical challenges associated with the site, the resources available under the contract as modified have been exhausted. In order to fund this work through to completion Gafcon has indicated a need for a not to exceed \$25,000 increase to their project fee, bringing the total Gafcon contract to \$100,000. We have come a long way in bringing the community

together on this project, and with the completion of the Nicklaus work this project will be positioned to move forward towards implementing a sustainable solution to address the generations of declines experienced by the Desert Shores community.

Recommendation:

Staff has found Gafcon to be an able and capable partner working with all stakeholders including the community residents to find a viable solution to this challenging project and recommends approval of the increased contract limit in order to ensure the timely completion of this effort.

AMENDMENT 04 TO CONTRACT

GAFCON PM-CM LLC

Additional Compensation / Term Extension

This amendment (the "**Amendment**"), effective as of March 20, 2025, between the Salton Sea Authority, a California Joint Powers Agency ("**Authority**") and Gafcon PM-CM LLC, a Delaware limited liability company licensed to do business within the state of California ("**Consultant**"), parties to the AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES dated October 24, 2023 (the "**Agreement**").

The Agreement is amended as follows:

1. ADDITIONAL SERVICES: Consultant shall provide additional services relating to the project management of the geotechnical, soils, and geohydrological feasibility assessment currently under way.
2. TERM EXTENSION: The Amendment extends the Agreement to June 30, 2025.
3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION: The fee for the Amendment is a not to exceed fee of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this amendment and the Agreement or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

GAFCON PM-CM LLC

By: _____

By: _____

Name: G. Patrick O'Dowd

Name: Robin Duveen

Title: Executive Director

Title: Vice President

Date: _____

Date: _____

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: March 20, 2025

Re: Salton Sea Authority – 2025/2026 Draft Operating Budget

Included herewith is a draft Salton Sea Authority operating budget for 2025/26. Based on our year-to-date operations and projected performance, we once again expect to end the year with positive operating results, performing nominally to this year's approved budget overall. You will find that next year's budget tracks closely with historical expenses and anticipates **member contributions for the year will remain unchanged** from the previous, while again **projecting positive results from full year operations**.

You will also notice the budget includes two extraordinary revenue line items, indicating financial support from "partners and stakeholders" totaling \$525,000 in aggregate. We included it on the budget to highlight two potential funding sources – Proposition 4 and the feasibility study. As you know, Proposition 4 includes \$160 million for the Salton Sea Management Program, and an additional \$10 million for the Salton Sea Authority and the conservancy. The feasibility study was secured by the Authority in 2020 and the Authority serves as a "joint local sponsor" along with the state. Based on our experience to date, we believe there are tasks associated with this effort that may best be performed by the Authority which under our agreement would be treated as "in kind" work and reimbursable from the state (Pursuant to our agreement the state indemnifies the Authority for costs associated with this effort).

We are suggesting that the Authority make a specific budget request to the state for funds under Proposition 4 to support our collaborative effort to stand up the conservancy, and to fund the Authority's significant ongoing work of mutual benefit including the feasibility study and community engagement – particularly as it relates to concerns around Colorado River impacts to local stakeholders. As the budget reflects, we do receive very limited reimbursements from Prop 68 grant for the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project, and even less financial support from USBR for work done on Desert Shores. We intend as part of the restructuring of those agreements to advocate for more equitable treatment of the Authority for work performed in this regard.

Note that a positive operating result is achieved net of these extraordinary revenues, and no expenses have been assigned thereto in the current budget draft. If we are successful in securing these funds, they would be used by the Authority to further support the efforts of our state and local partners, particularly in the implementation of the conservancy and feasibility study, including the addition of administrative, outreach, and engagement capacity.

Our budget presentation focuses primarily on the operating expenses and member contributions in anticipation of a final review, approval, and authorization to distribute invoices when it is presented again in May (we do not expect any material changes). It does ***not*** reflect the dollars that will flow through the Authority in trust under the North Lake and Desert Shores grants, which will likely amount to several million dollars next year and for which the Authority receives little direct benefit. It should be acknowledged, however, that these grants and the successful completion of the projects associated therewith are important to our member agencies, as their constituents should benefit greatly from the funded projects.

Recommendation:

Informational. Direct members to secure agency authorizations necessary to approve budget in May.

Salton Sea Authority
Review Draft Budget

FY 2025/26

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	FY 24/25 Adopted Budget General Fund	FY 24/25 Projected FYE General Fund	FY 25/26 Draft Budget General Fund	FY 24/25 Adopted Budget Grant Funds	FY 24/25 Projected YTD Grant Funds	FY 25/26 Draft Budget Grant Funds
1 REVENUE						
2 Local Government/Member Assessments	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3 Tribal Contribution (Voluntary)	-	10,000	-			
4						
5 Grants and Other Reimbursements to General Fund	30,000	30,000	44,300			
6						
7 Other Federal/State/Local Reimbursements	10,000	-				
8 Partner Support			375,000			
9 Stakeholder Support			150,000			
10						
11 Sponsorships	10,000	-	10,000			
12			-			
13 GRANT PROJECT REVENUES						
14 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demonstration				2,000,000	TBD	WIP
15 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Revitalization				750,000	TBD	WIP
16 TOTAL REVENUE	850,000	840,000	1,379,300	2,750,000	-	-
17						
18 EXPENSES						
19 SSA ADMINISTRATION						
20 Employee Salaries and Benefits						
25 Total Employee Salaries	225,900	231,739	238,995			
26 Total Employee Benefits	127,000	120,060	126,574			
27 Total Salaries and Benefits	352,900	351,799	365,569			
28						
29 Contract and Professional Services						
30 DC Advocates	89,600	88,200	89,600			
31 Sacramento Advocate	84,000	84,000	84,000			
32 Attorney Fees	59,400	36,000	48,000			
33 Audit & Accounting	62,000	74,000	75,000			
34 Other Contract Services	17,400	-	60,000			
35 Total Contract and Professional Services	312,400	282,200	356,600			
36						
37 Other General & Administrative Expenses						
38 Standard Business Travel /Mileage	50,000	42,000	35,000			
39 Conferences/Seminars/Summits			15,000			
40 Technical Support and Maintenance	5,100	4,600	5,600			
41 Non-capitalized Office Equipment	8,000	5,000	5,000			
42 Insurance	13,000	11,700	14,000			
43 Office Expenses / Operating Supplies		100				
44 Office Expenses / Operating Supplies		2,200				
45 Office -Operating Supplies	8,700	5,000	5,400			
46 Office - Licenses and User Fees	5,400	4,800	5,400			
47 Operating Expenses / County Charges	5,400	9,000	6,000			
48 Offsite Meetings Support and Usage	3,600	3,600	3,600			
49 Dues & Subscriptions	10,000	8,600	10,000			
50 Interest Expense	1,500	1,300	-			
51 Rent	18,000	14,400	17,400			
52 Utilities	6,000	4,200	4,000			
53 Total Other General & Administrative Expenses	134,700	116,500	126,400			
54						
55 TOTAL SSA ADMINISTRATION	800,000	750,499	848,569			
56						
57 GRANT EXPENSES						
58 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demonstration				1,976,000	-	-
59 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Revitalization				744,000	-	-
60 Reimbursement to General Fund				30,000	-	-
61						
62 TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES	-	-	-	2,750,000	-	-
63						
64 TOTAL EXPENSES	800,000	750,499	848,569	2,750,000	-	-
65						
66 NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)	\$ 50,000	\$ 89,501	\$ 530,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Net of Partner and Stakeholder Support **\$ 5,731**

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Cultivating Conservation

MEMO

TO: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors and G. Patrick O'Dowd
FROM: Lisa Moore
RE: Federal Report
DATE: March 15, 2025

On February 24 and 25, Authority President Dockstader, Executive Director O'Dowd and I met in Washington, DC with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and our Congressional delegation — Senators Schiff and Padilla and Congressmen Ruiz and Calvert.

Army Corps

We met with the Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Works Robyn Colosimo. Colosimo previously served as the Director of Policy and Legislation to the Assistant Secretary for Civil works. Colosimo has been actively and positively engaged on the Salton Sea Feasibility Study. We had a very positive discussion concerning our partnership with the Corps as joint sponsors of this work which will enable the Corps to fund 65% of long-range Salton Sea management. The Authority secured \$3.8 million in the Corps' most recent funding work plan which will fund the Corps' portion of the project through FY26. We will be working with the Corps and Congress to secure funding for FY27 through administrative and/or congressional appropriations.

Congressional Meetings

We met with Congressman Ruiz and staffer Ale D'Agostino to discuss the Corps work. The Congressman underscored that it is his priority to ensure that the Corps and our work ultimately addresses the public health concerns at the Sea. We discussed whether the Corps would need additional direction to this effect and legislative vehicles to accomplish such prioritization. We also discussed the potential need for legal authority for the Corps and joint sponsor work on federal lands for feasibility projects.

We also met with Jack Lincoln, Congressman Calvert's legislative director. We likewise briefed Jack on the status of the Corps work and the importance of ensuring the Congressman's assistance in future funding needs for that work, as well as enhancing Corps' authority to undertake such work on federal lands. Patrick has met in person with Congressman Calvert in state to further develop that support.

On the Senate side, we met with Senator Padilla's Senate Energy Committee and Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) staff, Angela Ebner and Sarah Swig. We thanked them for the Senator's help in putting the Corps work on a financially stable path at the end of the last administration. We discussed the priorities above and WRDA 2026 as a vehicle for such measures. Senator Padilla, as a member of Senate EPW, will help to write that legislation in committee. Finally, we met with Senator Schiff and the Senator's environment staff Michael Harris, his agriculture and water staff Caitlin Balagula. Schiff is likewise on Senate EPW and in a position to advance the Authority's Corps priorities.