

AGENDA: DATE: LOCATION: SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Friday, June 20, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

County of Imperial

Board of Supervisors Chamber County of Administration Center 940 W 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 John Aguilar Coachella Valley Water District 189 Orontes Way Cathedral City, CA

> 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 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, 06/20/2025 Board meeting" in the subject line, and 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 Thursday, June 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 and possible action.

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

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR Approve, Receive, and File
  - a. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Special Board Meeting 5/23/2025
  - b. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for May 31, 2205
  - c. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for May 31, 2025
- B. Consideration of Appointments for FY 2025-2026 Officers for the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors (effective July 1, 2025)
  - a. Election of President of Board
  - b. Election of Vice-President of Board
  - c. Election of Secretary of Board
  - d. Election of Treasurer of Board
- C. Consider Approval of Resolutions updating Signatories on Authority's bank accounts
  - 1. Resolution 25-\_\_ Banc of California Regular Checking
  - 2. Resolution 25- Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)
- D. Consider Approval of ACWA Resolutions of Endorsement and Support
  - Resolution 25-\_\_ Endorse and Support G. Patrick O'Dowd for ACWA Region 9 Vice Chair
  - b. Resolution 25-\_\_ Endorse the candidacy of Carol Lee Gonzalez Brady for ACWA Vice President
- E. Proposition 4 Update Cruz Strategies
- F. Outreach & Engagement amended scope and contract CV Strategies
- G. USBR Grant Modification Request Desert Shores
- H. Project Updates
  - a. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project
  - b. Bombay Beach

# V. REPORTS

- A. Federal
  - 1. Federal Activities Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
  - 2. US Bureau of Reclamation
- B. State
  - 1. State Advocacy Steve Cruz, Cruz Strategies
  - 2. State of California Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency

- 3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities Taylour Unzicker, State Park Interpreter, Ocotillo Wells District
- 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. <u>ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING</u>

- A. Public Health & Safety
- B. Board Committee Assignments

# VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m. at Coachella Valley Water District Steve Robbins Administration Bldg. 75515 Hovley Lane, East Palm Desert, CA 92260 (760) 398-2651

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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SALTON SEA AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING May 23, 2025

# I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled Special meeting of the Salton Sea Authority ("Authority") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order by Chair Dockstader, at 10:01 a.m., May 23, 2025 at the Cambria Imperial Hotel and via Zoom Webinar.

# **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led By Trina Hamby **ROLL CALL**

# DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE AGENCY

Gina Dockstader, Secretary Alex Cárdenas, Director Martha Singh, Director Joseph Mirelez, Director Ex-Officio Joe Shea Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
California Natural Resources Agency

# **DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM**

John Aguilar, Director

# **AGENCY**

Coachella Valley Water District

# **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Yxstian Gutierrez, Treasurer V. Manuel Perez, Director Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President Ryan E. Kelley, Director

# **AGENCY**

Riverside County Riverside County Coachella Valley Water District Imperial County -Arrived 11:02am

# MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

On Site: Trina Hamby, Imperial County Environmental Consumer Protection Manager, Imperial County Public Health Department Environmental Health Division, Tara Brava Mulally, CV Strategies, Tom Sephton, Jasmyn Phillips Via Zoom: Lisa Moore, Cultivating Conservation, Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute, Pat Cooper, Deputy Chief of Staff, Riverside County, Taylour Unzicker, CA State Parks, Nick Romo and Steve Cruz, Cruz Strategies, Glenn Farrel, GF Advocacy, Shant Siyahian, Larissa, Janice Rosenquest, Ron Spears, Chairman, Desert Shores Channel Restoration Project Oversight Committee, Aydee Palomina, Alianza and Juan DeLara, SSAC.

# II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

# III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

President Dockstader and Director Cardenas thanked Ex-Officio for the SCH event the day prior and asked to also thank Secretary Crowfoot.

# IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR Approve, Receive, and File
  - 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting 3/20/2025
  - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for 2/28/2025, 3/31/2025, 4/30/2025
  - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Reporting through 4/30/2025

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

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 8 NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

**MOTION PASSED:** Unanimous

B. Salton Sea Authority 2025/2026 Operating Budget – Review and Approve O'Dowd introduced and recommended approval. President Dockstader had questions regarding the sponsorship, 15K increase and auditing salary. O'Dowd responded.

On motion by Cardenas second by, Mirelez the Board approved 2025/2026 Operating Budget.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAINED:

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

# C. Federal Matters

- Imperial Streams Salton Sea and Tributaries Feasibility Study, CA Federal Funding Request
  - a. Review and Approve Supporting Resolution

GM O'Dowd introduced Lisa Moore to give an update on the process. Director Cardenas recommended edits regarding tone and further recognition of TMDCI.

On motion by Cardenas second by, Singh the Board approved the Supporting Resolution, subject to the two edits.

Adopting Resolution Subject to the two edits by the following vote:

AYES: 8 NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

**MOTION PASSED:** Unanimous

- D. State Legislative Matters
  - 1. Legislative Task Force

Based on input and feedback from the membership, President Dockstader designated herself, Vice-President and Director Singh to serve as the Board's Legislative Task Force.

2. Introduction of Cruz Strategies

O'Dowd gave a brief introduction to Cruz Strategies and handed it off to Steve Cruz. Steve introduced his team, Nick Romero and Glenn Farrel of GF Advocacy. Steve has been in this line of work for over 30 years. Glenn has his own firm but shares an office with Cruz. Dockstader, commented that she looks forward to our new partnership. Cardenas asked about having guiding principles on hydrology. O'Dowd stated that we had distributed key messages, a

living document representing a collective understanding amongst the member agencies on different issues. The issue of hydrology will be further refined for clarity of message.

3. Proposition 4 Update and Direction

O'Dowd gave a brief update. The Authority has been working with Cruz on prop 4. He explained that the bond started out at \$40MM, reduced to \$10MM, then the governors budget came out and proposed Zero dollars for the Authority and \$10MM to the State for the conservancy. With limited time in the legislative calendar, Cruz team continues to work with the legislators, testifying in budget committees, reaching out to memberships, putting this issue in front of them.

4. Other pending state legislation - Nick briefly went over the Cap and Trade, that impacts expenditures to the states and some that will impact the Salton Sea.

# E. Project Activity

- 1. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project
  - a. Ratify Extension/Amendment to Authority/RIVCO Agreement O'Dowd introduced to the board, board acted with no further discussion.

On motion by Morales second by Cardenas the Board approved the Extension/Amendment to Authority/Rivco Agreement.

Adopting Resolution Subject to the two edits by the following vote:

AYES: 8 NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

**MOTION PASSED:** Unanimous

2. Desert Shores – O'Dowd gave a brief update. Project is rapidly advancing. We are working with the Bureau of Reclamation to reallocate grant funds to meet higher than anticipated technical and design cost requirements. Tom Sephton commented. A request is being drafted and will be presented at the Authority's next meeting.

# V. REPORTS

# A. Federal

- 1. Federal Activities Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation gave a brief update on two new nominations moving through the Senate.
- B. State
- F. State Advocacy Cruz Strategies, Steve Cruz reported earlier on the State Legislative Matters and also mentioned that the state was approved by the Wildlife Board for a \$5.3MM grant in partnership with Audubon on the East side of the Sea.
- C. Executive Director's Report and Comments G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority, gave a brief update, he is working with CV Strategies on finalizing the "Key Messages". O'Dowd also thanked Cambria hotel for allowing the Authority to use their facility for this "Special" meeting.

# VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 10:22am

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

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, June 19, at 10:00 a.m. at Imperial County BOS Chamber 940 W Main Street El Centro, CA 92243 (442) 265-1020

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# Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register

May 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025

Date	Number			Amount
05/02/2025	ACH	Lee Associates	Rent 5/25	(1,250.00)
05/12/2025	ACH	Banc of California	VISA billing cycle ended 5/25	(583.51)
05/22/2025		Deposit from BOR	Grant reimbursement	35,070.46
05/23/2023	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting services 5/25	(7,350.00)
05/23/2025	ACH	Steve Cruz	Consulting services 5/25	(7,000.00)
05/23/2025	ACH	Janice Rosenquist	Accounting services 5/25	(2,640.00)
05/23/2025	ACH	Nicklaus Engineering	Contract services 3/25	(30,686.42)
05/23/2025	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 5/25	(2,158.90)
05/23/2025	ACH	SystemGo IT LLC	IT and web services 5/25	(397.00)
05/23/2025	ACH	Frontier Communications	Internet service 5/25	(104.99)
05/23/2025	ACH	Gafcon	Contract services 9/30/24	(3,882.00)
			Beginning Cash Balance	172,799.77
			Monthly Activity	(20,982.36)
			Ending Cash Balance	151,817.41



# Salton Sea Authority Budget to Actual General Fund (Unaudited)

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

	_		В	C	B/C	B - C
		May 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 92%	\$ Variance
1	REVENUE	<del>-</del>				
2	Local Government / Member Assessments		810,000	800,000	101%	10,000
3	Other Federal / State / Local Contributions		-	10,000	0%	(10,000)
4	Sponsorships		-	10,000	0%	(10,000)
5	Other Grants		-	-	N/A	-
	Interest Income		(140)	-	N/A	(140)
6	Miscellaneous Revenue		163		N/A	163
7	Grant and Other Reimbursements to General Fund	3,680	8,553		N/A	8,553
8	Grant Reimbursements and Other Income	6	8,577	30,000	29%	(21,423)
9	TOTAL REVENUE	3,686	818,577	850,000	96%	(31,423)
10	EXPENSES					
11	Total Salaries	37,110	228,904	225,900	101%	3,004
12	Total Employee Benefits	9,447	110,816	127,000	87%	(16,184)
13	Total Salaries & Benefits	46,557	339,720	352,900	96%	(13,180)
14	Contract / Professional Services					
15	DC Advocates	\$ 7,350	80,850	89,600	90%	(8,750)
16	Sacramento Advocates	7,000	35,000	84,000	42%	(49,000)
17	Attorney Fees	2,000	28,263	59,400	48%	(31,137)
18	Audit & Accounting	4,785	73,280	62,000	118%	11,280
19	Public Outreach & Engagement	7,969	41,850	17,400	241%	24,450
20	Total Contract / Professional Services	29,104	259,243	312,400	83%	(53,157)
21	Administration					
22	Travel/Mileage	4,097	15,669	50,000	31%	(34,331)
23	Office Rent, Utilities, and Repair/Maintenance	1,647	14,808	24,000	62%	(9,192)
24	Equipment / IT Maintenance		4,592	5,100	90%	(508)
25	Non-capitalized Office Equipment		1,081	8,000	14%	(6,919)
26	Insurance	1,056	11,619	13,000	89%	(1,381)
27	Office Expense/Operating Supplies	182	5,141	-	N/A	5,141
28	Office Expense/Online Services	423	3,963	5,400	73%	(1,437)
29	Dues, Subscriptions	778	9,347	10,000	93%	(653)
30	Operating Expenses/County Charges	840	5,481	5,400	102%	81
31	<b>Board Room Usage and Recordings</b>	105	3,023	3,600	84%	(577)
32	Interest Expense			1,500	0%	(1,500)
33	Total Administration	9,128	74,723	126,000	59%	(51,277)
34	TOTAL EXPENSES	84,789	673,686	791,300	85%	(117,614)
35	NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)	(81,102)	144,891	58,700	247%	86,191

<sup>\*</sup>No assurance is provided on these financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. are not included.



# Salton Sea Authority Budget to Actual DWR - Proposition 68 Grant (Unaudited)

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

		Α	В	C	B/C	B - C
		May 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 92%	\$ Variance
1	REVENUE					
2	State of California Grant (Prop 68)	335,139	\$ 335,139	2,000,000	17%	(1,664,861)
3	TOTAL REVENUE	335,139	335,139	2,000,000	17%	(1,664,861)
4	EXPENSES		-			
5	SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting	3,680	7,069	79,700	9%	(72,631)
6	Riverside County Salaries	-	-	-		-
7	Contractors	331,458	328,070	1,920,300	17%	(1,592,230)
8	Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo		-			-
9	TOTAL EXPENSES	335,139	335,139	2,000,000	17%	(1,664,861)
10	NET INCOME / (LOSS)	-	0	-	0	0



# Salton Sea Authority Budget to Actual BOR -DSR (Unaudited)

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

		Α		В	C	B/C	B - C
		May 2025		YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 92%	\$ Variance
1	REVENUE						
2	Bureau of Reclamation Grant	-	\$	59,243	750,000	8%	(690,757)
3	TOTAL REVENUE	-		59,243	750,000	8%	(690,757)
4	EXPENSES			-			
5	Riverside County Salaries	-		-	-		-
6	SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting	(507)		978	25,000	4%	(24,022)
7	Contractors	507		58,265	725,000	8%	(666,735)
8	Legal Expenses	-		-	-		-
9	Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Re	-		-			-
				-			
10	TOTAL EXPENSES	0	•	59,243	750,000	8%	(690,757)
11	NET INCOME / (LOSS)	(0)		-	-	-	-



# Salton Sea Authority Balance Sheet

(Unaudited) As of May 31, 2025

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1	ASSETS	
2	Checking/Savings	\$ 151,817
3	PacWest Checking	
4	Rivco Payroll	88,948
5	Rivco Investment	2,096
6	Rivco Investment FMV Ajdustment	(432)
8	Checking/Savings	242,430
9	Accounts Receivable	-
10	Interest Receivable	-
11	Rent Deposits	1,250
12	Prepaid Items	16,643
13	Due from BOR	847
14	Grants Receivable	491,013
15	Right to Use Asset	15,553
16	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 767,735
17	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
18	LIABILITIES	
19	Accounts Payable	36,226
20	Accrued Expenses	3,000
21	Credit Card Payable	1,711
22	Accrued Payroll	13,326
23	Accrued Vacation	94,935
24	Lease Liability	15,707
25	Due to Other Funds	15,316
26	Due to BOR	11,979
27	Due to Riverside County	449,504
29	TOTAL LIABILITIES	641,703
31	Fund Balance	•
32	Fund Balance	(18,859)
33	Net Income	144,891
35	FUND BALANCE	126,032
37	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 767,735

<sup>\*</sup>No assurance is provided on these financial statements. The financial statements do not include a statement of cash flows. Substantially all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. are not included.

# Salton Sea Authority

### Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors

**From:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM

**Date:** June 20, 2025

Re: Election of Salton Sea Authority Officers (effective July 1, 2025)

The following guidelines are provided from the Salton Sea Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Bylaws (December 2016 update):

- 3.1 Officers: The officers of the Authority shall consist of the President, Vice-President Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom shall be selected from the voting members of the Board of Directors.
- 3.2 Term of Office: The term for all officers shall be one (1) year.
- 3.3 Election of Officers: The Authority shall elect, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, its officers at its last meeting of the fiscal year, and at such other times as there may be a vacancy in any office.
- 3.4 Rotation of Officers: It shall be a policy of the Board to encourage rotation<sup>1</sup> of the offices among the Board members.
- 8.1 The fiscal year of the Authority shall be from July 1 to June 30, following.

Currently-seated officers are:

	<u>Current</u> :	Agency:
President	Gina Dockstader	Imperial Irrigation District
Vice President	Castulo R. Estrada	Coachella Valley Water District
Secretary	Yxstian Gutierrez	Riverside County
Treasurer	Ryan Kelley	Imperial County

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While rotation is encouraged as a matter of board policy, it is not required. Each of the four designated Officer positions have previously been held by the same officer for multiple consecutive terms.

# Salton Sea Authority

### Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors

**From:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM

Date: June 20, 2025

Re: Salton Sea Authority Resolution Updating Signatories on SSA Bank Account

# **BACKGROUND:**

At the June 20, 2025, Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Board meeting, appointment of officers to the Board are being considered. If changes are made, this will necessitate a corresponding change in signatories on the Authority bank accounts. Pacific Western Bank requires a copy of a resolution from the Board to authorize the new signatories on Salton Sea Authority's accounts and to remove all prior signatories.

Salton Sea Authority's Bylaws state that the Treasurer shall be the depositary of funds. Traditionally the President, Vice-President, and Executive Director/GM have additionally been designated as signatories to ensure availability of two signatories, as required, at any given time.

The attached proposed resolution includes the incoming President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the Executive Director/GM G. Patrick O'Dowd as signatories, and the removal of any others who might remain in the bank's records.

Attached please find proposed Salton Sea Authority Resolution number 25-03 for your consideration, which update the signatories to show the new President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the Executive Director/GM as signatories.

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve attached Salton Sea Authority Resolution No. 25-03 to update the signatories on this bank account.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Patrick O'Dowd Executive Director/GM



# SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY DESIGNATING OFFICIALS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN WARRANTS AND CHECKS, TRANSFER FUNDS, AND ACCESS SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority), assembled in regular meeting this 20th day of June 2025, that Banc of California is instructed to honor Authority warrants or checks written or issued on accounts in the name of the Salton Sea Authority authorized or executed by any two of the following designated officials:

•	, President
•	, Vice-President
•	, Treasurer
•	, Executive Director/General Manager; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Banc of California is instructed to honor any transfer of funds by means of written instructions by order of any two designated officials:

•	, President
•	, Vice-President
•	, Treasurer
•	, Executive Director/General Manager; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all warrants and checks, and instructions to transfer funds shall adhere to the requirements of Banc of California and will be compliant with Board approved policies for funds transfers, including Procedures – Authorization for Use of Signature Stamp as amended September 21, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that prior authorizations to sign warrants and checks, transfer funds and access safe deposit box(es) are hereby rescinded; and

<b>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED</b> that the Secret copy of this resolution to Banc of California.	ary is hereby directed to furnish a certified
Gina Nicole Dockstader, President Salton Sea Authority	

# Salton Sea Authority

### Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors

**From:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM

Date: June 20, 2025

**Re:** Update LAIF Authorizations

# **BACKGROUND**:

A resolution using the Salton Sea Authority's standard bank resolution template to update signatories was passed by the Salton Sea Authority Board and forwarded to the California State Treasurer's Office.

The Treasurer's Office representative with whom Salton Sea Authority staff was working contacted Salton Sea Authority staff Friday with LAIF wording to use on the Salton Sea Authority resolution to update LAIF authorizations.

Attached please find proposed Salton Sea Authority resolution number 25-02 entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund."

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board approve Resolution No. 25-02 entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority authorizing investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund."

Respectfully submitted,

G. Patrick O'Dowd Executive Director/GM



# SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND

WHEREAS, The Local Agency Investment Fund is established in the State Treasury under Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the deposit of money of a local agency for purposes of investment by the State Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salton Sea Authority ("SSA" or "Authority") Board of Directors hereby finds that the deposit and withdrawal of money in the Local Agency Investment Fund in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 *et. seq.* for the purpose of investment as provided therein is in the best interests of the Authority;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors hereby authorizes the deposit and withdrawal of SSA monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund in the State Treasury in accordance with Government Code section 16429.1 et. seq. for the purpose of investment as provided therein.

# **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as follows:

Section 1. The following Salton Sea Authority officers holding the title(s) specified hereinbelow or their successors in office are each hereby authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund and may execute and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the transactions contemplated hereby:

President
, Vice-President
, Treasurer

G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/General Manager

Section 2. This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until rescinded by the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors by resolution and a copy of the resolution rescinding this resolution is filed with the State Treasurer's Office.

<b>BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED</b> that the Secretary is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to Banc of California.
Gina Nicole Dockstader, President
Salton Sea Authority



# **SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 25-**

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLACING IN NOMINATION G. PATRICK O'DOWD AS CHAIR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES **REGION 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority), assembled in regular meeting this 27th day of April, 2023, as follows:

### A. Recitals

- Whereas, The Board of the Authority does encourage and support the participation of its members in the affairs of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA); and
- Whereas, The Board of the Authority has adopted Guiding Principles urging its staff and member agencies to "Assert Local Leadership" where feasible to advance the shared objectives of revitalizing the Salton Sea; and
- (iii) Whereas, the Authority is a member in good standing with ACWA; and
- (iv) Whereas, Authority Executive Director G. Patrick O'Dowd has faithfully served the ACWA membership for over a decade, valuably contributing to a wide variety of committees including Federal Affairs, State Legislative, Business Development, Finance, and Agriculture; and
- (v) Whereas, O'Dowd has unwaveringly stepped up to serve an array of task forces including disadvantaged communities, headwaters, and the selection committee for ACWA's Executive Director; and
- (vi) Whereas, O'Dowd has faithfully served in ACWA leadership, having served on ACWA's statewide board as Chair of ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee, ACWA Region 9 Vice Chair, and currently serves as ACWA Region 9 Chair; and

- (v) Whereas, while serving on ACWA's board O'Dowd was selected by its members to serve on the Executive Committee; and
- (vi) Whereas, O'Dowd has provided decades of leadership, advocacy, and resources for California public water agencies, a reflection of ACWA's mission; and
- (vi) Whereas, O'Dowd has indicated a desire and willingness to continue in service to ACWA and its Region 9;

# B. Resolves

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

- Does place its full and unreserved support in the nomination of G. Patrick (i) O'Dowd to the Board and fully endorse his candidacy for ACWA Region 9 Vice-Chair; and
- Does hereby determine that the expenses attendant with G. Patrick (ii) O'Dowd in the service of ACWA Region 9 shall be borne by the Salton Sea Authority

Adopted and approved this 20th day of June 2025.	
Gina Dockstader, President Salton Sea Authority	



# SALTON SEA AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 25-

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY PLACING IN NOMINATION CAROL LEE GONZALES-BRADY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority), assembled in regular meeting this 20th day of June, 2025, as follows:

Whereas, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady is currently serving as Vice Chair of ACWA Region 9; and

Whereas, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady also serves on the Executive Committee for ACWA's statewide board; and

Whereas, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady has indicated a desire to serve as the Vice President of ACWA; and

WHEREAS, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is one of the largest statewide coalitions of public water agencies in the nation, dedicated to the advancement of sound water policy and the promotion of collaborative leadership; and

WHEREAS, the position of Vice President of ACWA is a vital role that helps shape the future of water governance, advocate for local and regional water needs, and represent diverse water interests across California; and

WHEREAS, Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady has demonstrated a distinguished record of service, leadership, and commitment to public water resource stewardship through her work with local and regional agencies, and in her current position on the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gonzales-Brady has consistently championed policies that promote sustainable water management, environmental responsibility, equity, and local control, making her an ideal candidate for leadership at the state level; and

WHEREAS, her collaborative spirit and deep understanding of California's complex water issues align with the mission and vision of ACWA and its member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority values experienced, thoughtful, and visionary leadership within ACWA and strongly supports candidates who embody those qualities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority, assembled in a meeting this 20th day of June 2025, hereby recognizes Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady's qualifications and enthusiasm, and offers full, unreserved support of Ms. Gonzales-Brady to be nominated as a candidate for the office of Vice President of ACWA.

Adopted and approved this 20th day of June 2025.

Gina Dockstader, President Salton Sea Authority

# **Desert Shores Restoration Project**

Items to be completed prior to obtaining a construction permit:

- 1. Categories of work
  - a. Permitting
    - i. Grading
    - ii. Excavation
    - iii. Stormwater
    - iv. Utilities
    - v. Well permits
  - b. Site control
    - i. Legal services
    - ii. Procurement of easements / encroachment permits
    - iii. Coordination with County
    - iv. Community coordination
  - c. Design
    - i. RFP for conceptual landscape architect
  - d. Pre-construction Services
    - i. RFP for Design Build
    - ii. Construction feasibility analysis
    - iii. Cost estimating
  - e. Civil Engineering
    - i. Potential additional due diligence/testing
    - ii. Design build
  - f. Project Management
  - g. Community engagement