



**AGENDA:**  
**DATE:**  
**LOCATION:**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Steve Robbins Admin Bldg.  
75515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, Ca 92260

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

Director Ryan Kelley  
Imperial County  
940 W Main Street  
El Centro, CA 92243  
(442) 265-1020

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

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## **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](mailto: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, 07/17/2025 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, July 16**, 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
  - 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Special Board Meeting 6/20/2025
  - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification - June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025
  - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report - July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
- B “Framework of Assurance” – Continued discussion and possible Board direction
  - 1. Community Based Science, Juliana Taboada – AlianzaCV
  - 2. Hydrogen Sulfide Study, Diego Centeno
  - 3. Discussion
    - a. Existing Agencies and Assessment Protocols
    - b. Potential Data Gaps
    - c. Framework Task Force
- C Feasibility Study update – G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director
- D Strategic Planning – Tara Mulally, CV Strategies
- E State and Federal Advocacy – Letters of Support
  - 1. Federal Funding for Feasibility Study – Lisa Moore
  - 2. State of California Proposition 4 Funding – Cruz Strategies
- F Consider Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees for FY 2025-2026
- G 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 - Unassigned
- 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. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, September 18, 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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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**June 20, 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 10:05 a.m., June 20, 2025 at the Imperial County BOS Chamber and via Zoom Webinar.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Director Singh

**ROLL CALL**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE**

Gina Dockstader, President  
Director Singh, Director  
Joseph Mirelez, Director  
Indians

**AGENCY**

Imperial Irrigation District  
Imperial County  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

**DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM**

Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President  
John Aguilar, Director  
Ex-Officio Joe Shea

**AGENCY**

Coachella Valley Water District  
Coachella Valley Water District  
California Natural Resources Agency

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Yxstian Gutierrez, Treasurer  
Ryan E. Kelley, Director  
V. Manuel Perez, Director  
Alex Cárdenas, Director

**AGENCY**

Riverside County  
Imperial County  
Riverside County  
Imperial Irrigation District

President Dockstader asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Executive Director O'Dowd requested that we move the Federal report to allow time for a late arriving Director.

Board Voted

***On motion by Dockstader second by, Singh the Board approved moving the federal report to the top of the agenda.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

## **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

On Site: Pete Rodriguez, Tara Mulally, CV Strategies, Trina Hamby, Imperial County, EHD

Via Zoom: Pat Cooper, Riverside County, Taylour Unzicker, CA State Parks, Tom Sephton, Lisa Moore, Cultivating, tom Sephton, EcoMedia Compass, Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies, Steve Cruz, Crus Strategies, Taylour Unzicker, State Park, Carlos Campos, BB&K, Ron Spears, Bahia Del Mar Property Owners Association Board of Directors, Aydee Palomino, Alianza, Selene Lopez, Shana Rapaport, Jim Barrett, CVWD, Tina Shields, IID, Elizabeth Jachens, Bill Sidhu, Janice Rosenquest, SSA, CPA.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

## **III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Singh gave an update on a visit the Imperial County Board of Supervisors made to DC, June 2-5. They met with Federal Representatives, to make sure they were advocating the urgency for federal investment and cross agency coordination to address the environmental crisis caused in regard to our receding Salton Sea.

## **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
  - Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for May 31, 2025

***On motion by Mirelez second by, Singh 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. Consideration of Appointments for FY 2025-2026 Officers for the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors (effective July 1, 2025)**

Executive O'Dowd gave a brief introduction and statement regarding current and past board rules and practices for filling leadership roles.

**a. Election of President of Board**

***On motion by Estrada to nominate Dockstader and second by, Singh the Board approved Dockstader as President.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

**b. Election of Vice-President**

***On motion by Dockstader to nominate Estrada, and second by, Mirelez the Board approved Estrada as Vice-President.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

**c. Election of Secretary of Board**

***On motion by Dockstader to nominate Singh, and second by Mirelez the Board approved Singh as Secretary.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

***d. Election of Treasurer of Board***

***On motion by Singh to nominate Mirelez, and second by Dockstader the Board approved Mirelez as Treasurer.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

- 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)

***On motion by Mirelez and second by Estrada the Board approved Resolutions updating signatories for Banc of California and LAIF accounts.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

- D. Consider Approval of ACWA Resolutions of Endorsement and Support

- a. Resolution 25-\_\_ - Endorse and Support G. Patrick O'Dowd for ACWA Region 9 Vice Chair

***On motion by Dockstader and second by Singh the Board supports and approves the Resolution for G. Patrick O'Dowd for ACWA Region 9 Vice President.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

- b. Resolution 25-\_\_ - Endorse the candidacy of Carol Lee Gonzalez Brady for ACWA Vice President

***On motion by Dockstader and second by Mirelez the Board supports and approves the Resolution to endorse the candidacy for Carol Lee Gonzalez, for ACWA Vice-President.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

- E. Proposition 4 Update - Cruz Strategies,

Mr. Cruz and Mr. Romo have had conversations with legislators with interest in the Salton Sea, as well as the administration including Joe Shea of CNRA. They gave a brief update on the \$10MM and discussed submitting letters individually or joint to support the Authority's request as outlined in the Matrix. VP Estrada asked the timing of possible funding and, Cruz advised the budget will be approved before July 1, but the trailer and bond allocations will be voted on afterwards. He also confirmed that the Authority's proposed Bond Allocation Matrix was submitted to Senator Padilla's office. O'Dowd advised draft letters have been prepared and will go out timely. Currently, the State has proposed all the \$10MM to be used for the Conservancy, though as evidenced by the Matrix the Authority has specific needs including supporting the feasibility study, outreach and engagement efforts.

Director Aguilar stated that the legislation will want to know more specific details of where this money is going.

Mr. Shea reminded that the \$10MM Authority/Conservancy set aside is part of a larger \$10B bond, and believes there may be other opportunities to fund projects. He emphasized the shared priorities of State and the Authority.



F. Outreach & Engagement amended scope and contract – CV Strategies

O'Dowd noted CV Strategies came on board 6 months ago and is still in the process of completing their initial assignment. Due to expanded scope an additional \$7k was requested to complete the initial scope, reflecting budgeted costs incurred in 2024 . In addition \$5k/month for the first 6 months of 2025 was requested to work on refining the scopes of work which might be funded by bond or other resources as they become available\.

***On motion by Dockstader and second by Mirelez the Board supports and approves the Staff recommendation of \$7,000 for the remainder of 2024 work and \$5,000 for the first six months of 2025 for Outreach & Engagement, all consistent with approved budget.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

G. USBR Grant Modification Request – Desert Shores.

O'Dowd gave a brief outline of this request. We have a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for \$1.25MM to address the issues at the North Shore. Due to the grant structure, it is necessary to reclassify grant funds restricted for construction for use in preconstruction costs to complete engineering, design, and permitting. A formal written request to the Bureau authorization to move forward is recommended.

Ron Spears asked for an accounting of grant disbursements to date and Staff committed to provide a history of project receipts and expenditures.

***On motion by Mirelez and second by Dockstader the Board supports and approves the request for USBR Grant Modification Request for Desert Shores.***

***Approved by the following vote:***

***AYES: 8***

***NOES: 0***

***ABSTAINED:***

***MOTION PASSED: Unanimous***

#### H. Project Updates

- a. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project, O'Dowd gave a brief update. We are working with the state on identifying and refining the revised project scope. Based on the geo-technical and engineering work that was done, which reduces the lake to approx. 30-acre lake and introduced a new concept of wetlands. A more comprehensive report should be available for our next meeting for.
- b. Bombay Beach has been transferred to the state as one of the SSMP projects for implementation.

### **V. REPORTS**

#### A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation, Ms. Moore gave her report at the beginning of the meeting.
2. US Bureau of Reclamation – No Report

#### B. State

1. State Advocacy – Steve Cruz, Cruz Strategies, gave their report during item E.
2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency – No Report
3. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Taylour Unzicker, State Park Interpreter, Ocotillo Wells District. Mr Unzicker gave a brief update.

April and May down on visitation compared to last year.

April visitor center down 22%

May visitor center down 35%

April Day Use down 27%

May Day Use down 39%

April Camping down 21%

May camping down 17%

They did have upticks in previous years during Coachella and Stagecoach but didn't see that this year.

Treasurer Mirelez commented that the Torres Martinez Tribe has family events and would like to collaborate future events with the state park.

#### C. Local

1. Salton Sea Action Committee – Alan Pace, SSAC President – No Report

- D. Executive Director's Report and Comments - G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority, gave a brief update on the feasibility study and that it is critical to the effort's success that the study has a proper

assessment of the hydrology study of the sea for now and future projects. The Army Corp was working with UCR to develop a scope and contract to do the work but was proven to be unachievable, so the Army Corp is now working with DWR who has done a lot of this work already and have come up with a framework with DWR and will have it reviewed by the Army Corp professionals.

Also, there is a sidecar exercise, early increment projects on the North Eastern quadrant of the Sea that O'Dowd will be bringing the Chairman up to speed on. Mr. Shea wanted to reiterate that the state is going above and beyond on the Army Corp project with DWR.

## **VI. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

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

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12pm

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

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Warrant Register**  
June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

| Date                   | Number |                              |                                       | Amount       |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 6/2/2025               | ACH    | Imperial Irrigation District | Electricity service 5/25              | (83.40)      |
| 6/4/2025               | ACH    | Lee Associates               | Rent 6/25                             | (1,250.00)   |
| 6/5/2025               | ACH    | Banc of California           | VISA billing cycle ended 6/25         | (1,693.41)   |
| 6/10/2025              |        | Deposit from DWR-Prop 68     | Grant reimbursement                   | 250,634.49   |
| 6/25/2025              | ACH    | Secretary of State           | Annual filing fee                     | (6.50)       |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Cultivating Conservation     | Consulting services 6/25              | (7,350.00)   |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Steve Cruz                   | Consulting services 6/25              | (7,000.00)   |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | CV Strategies                | Consulting services through 4/30/2025 | (20,587.50)  |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Janice Rosenquist            | Accounting services 6/25              | (4,785.00)   |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Best, Best & Krieger         | Legal services 6/25                   | -            |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | SystemGo IT LLC              | IT and web services 6/25              | (397.00)     |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Frontier Communications      | Internet service 6/25                 | (104.99)     |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | County of Riverside          | Reimburse DWR-Prop 68 expenditures    | (248,958.12) |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | G.Patrick Odowd              | Travel reimbursement through 3/2025   | (4,953.64)   |
| 6/27/2025              | ACH    | Lisa Bravata                 | Expense reimbursement 5/25            | (266.70)     |
| Beginning Cash Balance |        |                              |                                       | 151,817.41   |
| Monthly Activity       |        |                              |                                       | (46,801.77)  |
| Ending Cash Balance    |        |                              |                                       | 105,015.64   |



**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Budget to Actual**  
**General Fund (Unaudited)**  
For the Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

|   |                  | <b>B</b>             | <b>C</b>                | <b>B / C</b>                   | <b>B - C</b>       |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>June 2025</b> | <b>YTD<br/>FY 25</b> | <b>Budget<br/>FY 25</b> | <b>YTD<br/>Target<br/>100%</b> | <b>\$ Variance</b> |
| <b>1 REVENUE</b>                                  |                  |                      |                         |                                |                    |
| 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                                   |                  | 1                    | -                       | N/A                            | 1                  |
| 6 Miscellaneous Revenue                           | 17               | 180                  |                         | N/A                            | 180                |
| 7 Grant and Other Reimbursements to General Fund  | 2,325            | 10,879               |                         | N/A                            | 10,879             |
| 8 Grant Reimbursements and Other Income           | 2,342            | 11,060               | 30,000                  | 37%                            | (18,940)           |
| <b>9 TOTAL REVENUE</b>                            | <b>2,342</b>     | <b>821,060</b>       | <b>850,000</b>          | <b>97%</b>                     | <b>(28,940)</b>    |
| <b>10 EXPENSES</b>                                |                  |                      |                         |                                |                    |
| 11 Total Salaries                                 | 12,361           | 222,027              | 225,900                 | 98%                            | (3,873)            |
| 12 Total Employee Benefits                        | 6,521            | 136,575              | 127,000                 | 108%                           | 9,575              |
| 13 Total Salaries & Benefits                      | 18,882           | 358,602              | 352,900                 | 102%                           | 5,702              |
| 14 Contract / Professional Services               |                  |                      |                         |                                |                    |
| 15 DC Advocates                                   | \$ 7,350         | 88,200               | 89,600                  | 98%                            | (1,400)            |
| 16 Sacramento Advocates                           | 7,000            | 42,000               | 84,000                  | 50%                            | (42,000)           |
| 17 Attorney Fees                                  | 3,000            | 33,749               | 59,400                  | 57%                            | (25,652)           |
| 18 Audit & Accounting                             | 4,675            | 77,955               | 62,000                  | 126%                           | 15,955             |
| 19 Public Outreach & Engagement                   | -                | 47,800               | 49,000                  | 98%                            | (1,200)            |
| 20 Total Contract / Professional Services         | 22,025           | 289,703              | 344,000                 | 84%                            | (54,297)           |
| 21 Administration                                 |                  |                      |                         |                                |                    |
| 22 Travel/Mileage                                 | 8,295            | 23,908               | 50,000                  | 48%                            | (26,093)           |
| 23 Office Rent                                    | 1,250            | 14,500               | 18,000                  | 81%                            | (3,500)            |
| 24 Utilities                                      | 93               | 1,357                | 6,000                   | 23%                            | (4,643)            |
| 25 Repair and Service Maintenance                 |                  | 294                  | -                       | N/A                            | 294                |
| 26 Office Rent, Utilities, and Repair/Maintenance | 1,343            | 16,151               | 24,000                  | 67%                            | (7,849)            |
| 27 Equipment / IT Maintenance                     | 397              | 4,989                | 5,100                   | 98%                            | (111)              |
| 28 Non-capitalized Office Equipment               | -                | 1,081                | 8,000                   | 14%                            | (6,919)            |
| 29 Insurance                                      | 470              | 11,033               | 13,000                  | 85%                            | (1,967)            |
| 30 Office Expense/Operating Supplies              | 556              | 5,697                | 8,700                   | 65%                            | (3,003)            |
| 31 Office Expense/Online Services                 | 90               | 4,053                | 5,400                   | 75%                            | (1,347)            |
| 32 Dues, Subscriptions                            | 366              | 8,999                | 10,000                  | 90%                            | (1,001)            |
| 33 Operating Expenses/County Charges              | 1,000            | 6,481                | 5,400                   | 120%                           | 1,081              |
| 34 Board Room Usage and Recordings                | 136              | 3,159                | 3,600                   | 88%                            | (441)              |
| 35 Interest Expense                               | -                | 141                  | 1,500                   | 9%                             | (1,359)            |
| 36 Total Administration                           | 12,653           | 85,692               | 134,700                 | 64%                            | (49,008)           |
| <b>37 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                          | <b>53,560</b>    | <b>733,997</b>       | <b>831,600</b>          | <b>88%</b>                     | <b>(97,603)</b>    |
| <b>38 NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)</b>                | <b>(51,218)</b>  | <b>87,064</b>        | <b>18,400</b>           | <b>473%</b>                    | <b>68,664</b>      |

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Budget to Actual**  
**DWR - Proposition 68 Grant (Unaudited)**  
For the Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

|   | A                         | B            | C               | B / C                 | B - C       |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|   | June<br>2025<br>(Prelimin | YTD<br>FY 25 | Budget<br>FY 25 | YTD<br>Target<br>100% | \$ Variance |
| 1 REVENUE                                       |                           |              |                 |                       |             |
| 2 State of California Grant (Prop 68)           | 52,000                    | \$ 390,353   | 2,000,000       | 20%                   | (1,609,647) |
| 3 TOTAL REVENUE                                 | 52,000                    | 390,353      | 2,000,000       | 20%                   | (1,609,647) |
| 4 EXPENSES                                      |                           | -            |                 |                       |             |
| 5 SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting            | 1,000                     | 8,069        | 79,700          | 10%                   | (71,631)    |
| 6 Riverside County Salaries                     | -                         | -            | -               |                       | -           |
| 7 Contractors                                   | 51,000                    | 382,284      | 1,920,300       | 20%                   | (1,538,016) |
| 8 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo |                           | -            |                 |                       | -           |
| 9 TOTAL EXPENSES                                | 52,000                    | 390,353      | 2,000,000       | 20%                   | (1,609,647) |
| 10 NET INCOME / (LOSS)                          | -                         | -            | -               | -                     | -           |

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# Salton Sea Authority

## Budget to Actual

### BOR -DSR (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

|  | A                         | B            | C               | B / C                 | B - C       |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|  | June<br>2025<br>(Prelimin | YTD<br>FY 25 | Budget<br>FY 25 | YTD<br>Target<br>100% | \$ Variance |
| 1 REVENUE                                |                           |              |                 |                       |             |
| 2 Bureau of Reclamation Grant            | 200,909                   | \$ 260,153   | 750,000         | 35%                   | (489,847)   |
| 3 TOTAL REVENUE                          | 200,909                   | 260,153      | 750,000         | 35%                   | (489,847)   |
| 4 EXPENSES                               |                           | -            |                 |                       |             |
| 5 Riverside County Salaries              | -                         | -            | -               |                       | -           |
| 6 SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting     | 1,325                     | 2,303        | 25,000          | 9%                    | (22,697)    |
| 7 Contractors                            | 199,584                   | 257,849      | 725,000         | 36%                   | (467,151)   |
| 8 Legal Expenses                         | -                         | -            | -               |                       | -           |
| 9 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Re | -                         | -            |                 |                       | -           |
|  |                           | -            |                 |                       |             |
| 10 TOTAL EXPENSES                        | 200,909                   | 260,153      | 750,000         | 35%                   | (489,847)   |
| 11 NET INCOME / (LOSS)                   | -                         | -            | -               | -                     | -           |

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**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Balance Sheet**  
(Unaudited)  
As of June 30, 2025 (Preliminary)

|    |   |           |                |
|----|---|-----------|----------------|
| 1  | <b>ASSETS</b>                               |           |                |
| 2  | Checking/Savings                            | \$        | 105,016        |
| 3  | PacWest Checking                            |           |                |
| 4  | Rivco Payroll                               |           | 61,630         |
| 5  | Rivco Investment                            |           | 2,096          |
| 6  | Rivco Investment FMV Adjustment             |           | (432)          |
| 8  | Checking/Savings                            |           | 168,310        |
| 9  | Accounts Receivable                         |           | -              |
| 10 | Interest Receivable                         |           | -              |
| 11 | Rent Deposits                               |           | 1,250          |
| 12 | Prepaid Items                               |           | 18,043         |
| 13 | Due from BOR                                |           | 200,909        |
| 14 | Grants Receivable                           |           | 291,756        |
| 15 | Right to Use Asset                          |           | 12,064         |
| 16 | <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                         | <b>\$</b> | <b>692,333</b> |
| 17 | <b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>       |           |                |
| 18 | <b>LIABILITIES</b>                          |           |                |
| 19 | Accounts Payable                            |           | 216,680        |
| 20 | Accrued Expenses                            |           | 17,847         |
| 21 | Credit Card Payable                         |           | 1,121          |
| 22 | Accrued Payroll                             |           | 4,890          |
| 23 | Accrued Vacation                            |           | 94,935         |
| 24 | Lease Liability                             |           | 12,218         |
| 25 | Due to Other Funds                          |           | 24,892         |
| 26 | Due to BOR                                  |           | -              |
| 27 | Due to Riverside County                     |           | 251,546        |
| 29 | <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                    |           | 624,128        |
| 31 | <b>Fund Balance</b>                         |           |                |
| 32 | Fund Balance                                |           | (18,859)       |
| 33 | Net Income                                  |           | 87,064         |
| 35 | <b>FUND BALANCE</b>                         |           | 68,204         |
| 37 | <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>692,333</b> |

\*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.



July XX, 2025

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senator  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
United States Senator  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
United States Congressman  
2342 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
United States Congressman  
2205 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Padilla, Senator Schiff, Congressman Calvert, and Congressman Ruiz:

The [name of entity] strongly supports the Salton Sea Imperial Streams Feasibility Study (USACE study) being undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). We urge you to provide the Corps with the financial resources necessary to ensure this critical work proceeds without delay.

The USACE study will ultimately authorize the provision of 65% federal cost share funding to address the near and long-range public health and environmental challenges in the Salton Sea region. The federal government has significant interests in the Salton Sea region justifying federal investment, including in federally protected endangered species; in the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge; in major additional federal landholdings; and in our region's renewable energy and lithium stores.

Moreover, the Department of the Interior (Interior) has acknowledged that it has major landownership liability associated with Salton Sea playa exposure, which Interior has conservatively estimated at \$330 million with an annual operations and maintenance cost of \$4.5 million.

The USACE study was authorized in section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 and signed into law by President Trump. Since the signing of the required cost sharing agreement in December 2022, USACE study cosponsors -- the Corps Los Angeles District, the Authority and DWR -- have refined both near and long-term alternatives for improving public health and air quality and restoring the degraded ecosystem and function.

The USACE has determined that \$1.76 million in funding will be needed in FY26 for USACE to ensure that this critical work continues without delay. In particular, the requested funds will progress the study from currently scoped alternatives into the development of the tentatively selected plan. Embedded within this work will be continued public outreach for local communities and required hydrologic modeling to aid in this refinement and ultimate TSP selection.

The federal government may soon require additional water conservation from the Salton Sea region related to Colorado River water management. The Bureau of Reclamation has acknowledged that such conservation will accelerate Salton Sea playa exposure. The USACE study will provide the federal government with a vehicle to channel investment into the health, safety, and environment of the Salton Sea region to address these challenges.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

## Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM  
**Date:** July 17, 2025  
**Re:** **Consider Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees for FY 2024-2025**

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The Salton Sea Authority's Joint Powers agreement states: "The Commission or the Chairman may establish such committees as from time to time are deemed necessary as good for the Authority." In recent practice, the Authority has had four functioning ad hoc committees: Executive, Finance, Personnel, and Projects. Appointments to the committees have been the discretion of the President with approval from the full board. Based on direction from President Dockstader, the committee assignments for the current board term are presented as follows for your consideration and approval:

❖ **Executive: Chair – President Gina Dockstader, Vice-President Castulo Estrada**

- Review policies and procedure as requested by staff.
- Review legislative proposals (Federal/State platforms).
- Review new programs and projects initiated by staff.
- Confer with General Manager regarding general activities of the Authority, as required.

❖ **Finance: Chair – Treasurer Joseph Mirelez, members Director John Aguilar and Director Alex Cardenas.**

- Review the budget (proposed and current mid-year and yearly).
- Periodic review of bank statements, accounts payable and receivable, etc., and insurance and contractual commitments.
- Review procedures and practices of accounting.
- Review of audits and reports.

❖ **Personnel: Chair – Vice-President Castulo Estrada, members Director Martha Cardenas Singh and Director Joseph Mirelez.**

- Review updated employee manual and procedures.
- Review employee labor compliance and contractual commitments.
- Review and suggest alternative solutions to personnel issues – as requested by Board and General Manager.
- Review job descriptions, employee needs, and compensation with General Manager.

❖ **Projects: Chair – Director V. Manuel Perez, members Director Joseph Mirelez Tortez, Director Ryan Kelley, and Ex-Officio member CNRA Assistant Secretary Joe Shea**

- Review current projects including their status, pending contracts or identified issues of concern.
- Coordinate interagency cooperative planning to assure project outcomes are beneficial to all concerned.
- As requested or appropriate, attend outside meetings.
- Review and advise staff of member agencies of the impacts Authority projects may have in relation to member agencies' programs and operations.



## Cultivating Conservation

### MEMO

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

#### **Appropriations**

The House Subcommittee on Energy and Water Appropriations took up and approved at the subcommittee level its FY26 appropriations legislation. The legislation includes an additional \$2 million to the Bureau of Reclamation's Salton Sea account, bringing it to total of \$4 million. This increases Reclamation's capacity to facilitate work at the Salton Sea. The legislation also includes funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). The bill includes \$200 million for Corps investigations which is the account from which the Corps funds the Salton Sea Feasibility Study.

We have secured funding for the study both through appropriations and through the Corps designating unallocated funding from this account to our project through its annual work plan. While we have secured funding for the study for FY26, the Corps recently indicated it had an additional capability (ability to spend) of \$1.76 million which we are pursuing through these two avenues (appropriations and work plan). The Senate Subcommittee on Energy and Water Appropriations has not yet taken up the companion legislation. It is slated to do so August 1, 2025.

#### **Department of the Interior Meeting**

Patrick, Lisa and Lowry Crook met with the Acting Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Scott Cameron and Dustin Sherer, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting was to brief them on the Corps study, relate it to the Department's own interests as a major landowner in the region, and ask that Interior consider relating support for the Corps engagement at the Sea to the Corps HQ, particularly as the Corps formulates its FY26 work plan (which occurs after FY26 appropriations legislation is enacted). Assistant Secretary Cameron indicated that he coordinates weekly with Robyn Colosimo, the Corps Director for Policy and Legislation we work with and indicated he would discuss the work with her. We also discussed that there will be need for Interior to facilitate the Corps work at the Sea as the Corps project/s will involve/impact federal lands owned by Interior.

## **Nominations**

The Senate nomination of Adam Telle to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Civil Works (Corps of Engineers) is still pending on the Senate Calendar for full Senate consideration. Likewise, the Senate nomination of Andrea Travnicek to serve as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Science, a key official with jurisdiction over the Colorado River, remains pending on the Senate Calendar awaiting full Senate consideration. Ted Cooke, formerly General Manager of the Central Arizona Project, has been nominated to serve as Reclamation Commissioner. The nomination has been referred to the Senate Energy Committee for consideration. No hearing has been scheduled as yet.