



**AGENDA:
DATE:
LOCATION:**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
County of Imperial
Board of Supervisors Chamber
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 Ryan Kelley
Imperial County
Everline Resort & Spa
400 Resort Road
Olympic Valley, CA 96146
(530) 412-7034

Vice President Castulo Estrada
City of Coachella Corporate Yard
53-462 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, 09/18/2025 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, September 17**, publicly acknowledged during the Board meeting. (Written comments will be included in the public record but not be read aloud.)

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

This time is set aside for members of the Board to share thoughts and concerns regarding general Authority matters not on the agenda, ask questions of staff, and request items to be added to a future agenda.

The Brown Act expressly prohibits lengthy Board Member discussion of matters not on the agenda. The Board may at its discretion (by 4/5 vote) add items deemed to be an emergency to the agenda to allow for public discourse and possible action.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve; Receive, and File
 - 1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting July 17, 2025
 - 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for: July 31, 2025
 - 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for: July 31, 2025
 - 4. ACWA Leadership Ballot Approval
- B. Accounting and Finance
 - 1. Year End Unaudited Results
 - 2. Financial Operations Restructure
- C. Proposition 4 Update / Next Steps (State Advocacy) – Cruz Strategies
- D. Strategic Plan Progress and Next Steps – CV Strategies
 - 1. One on One's
 - 2. Workshop – Possible Date Change
- E. Colorado River and the Salton Sea Authority – Discussion and Board Direction
- F. Framework Task Force Update
 - 1. Stakeholder Interest
 - 2. Organizational Structure
 - 3. Funding of Costs
- G. Project Updates
 - 1. North Lake Demonstration Pilot Project
 - 12/31/25 Grant Extension Expiry
 - Community Benefits
 - SSMP Greater North Lake

2. Desert Shores
 - Geotech/Hydrology report
 - Feasibility/Design/Construction
- H. November meeting Date and Location
 1. Location (Fire Station #41, North Shore)
 2. Possible Date Change

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
- C. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Enrique Arroyo, State Park Ocotillo Wells District Superintendent
- D. Local
 1. Salton Sea Action Committee – Alan Pace, SSAC President
- E. 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, November 20, at 10:00 a.m.

at

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

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 17, 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., July 17, 2025 at the Coachella Valley Water District and via Zoom Webinar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Ex-Officio, Joe Shea

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE

Gina Dockstader, President
Joseph Mirelez, Treasurer

Ryan E. Kelley, Director
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice-President
Ex-Officio Joe Shea

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Torres Martinez
Desert Cahuilla Indians
Imperial County
Coachella Valley Water District
California Natural Resources Agency

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

None

AGENCY

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Yxstian Gutierrez, Director
V. Manuel Perez, Director
Alex Cárdenas, Director
Director Singh, Secretary
John Aguilar, Director

AGENCY

Riverside County
Riverside County
Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Coachella Valley Water District

President Dockstader asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

On Site: Tara Mulally, CV Strategies, Trina Hamby, Imperial County, EHD, Pat Cooper, Riverside County, Enrique Arroyo, Ocotillo Wells District Superintendent, Carlos Campos, BB&K, Juliana Taboada, Alianza, Diego Centeno, Brown University, Cassandra D., California Water Board, Michael Placencia, California Water Board, Emma, California Water Board, John Coleman, BBI Group.

Zoom: Stephanie Holstege, SWRCB, Lisa Moore, Cultivating, Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies, Martha Guzman, Camila Bautista, Audubon, Leah Mathews, CARB,

Tom Sephton, EcoMedia, Mario Llanos, CNRA, Vickie Doyle, IID, Ryan Sinclair, Loma Linda University, Evon Willhoff, DWR, Michael Cohen, Pacific Institute,

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

- A CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File
1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Special Board Meeting 06/20/2025
 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

On motion by Mirelez second by, Kelley the Board approved the Consent Calendar per staff recommendation.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

- B “Framework of Assurance” – Continued discussion and possible Board direction

1. Community Based Science, Juliana Taboada – AlianzaCV, gave a brief presentation. Juliana is the coordinator of the Environmental Justice Campaign at Alianza a non-profit organization. They have identified 3 areas as a way for them to be able to work towards a thriving Salton Sea Region. Right now, they have identified hydrogen sulfide, a toxic gas presenting the following hazards:

- Health hazards
- Respiratory irritation
- Eye irritation
- Headaches

Their goal is to help local stakeholders understand what is going on with water quality and how it is affecting the air quality and smell.

2. Hydrogen Sulfide Study, Diego Centeno, gave a brief presentation. Mr Centeno is a resident of North Shore and a PhD student at UCLA in Civil Environmental Engineering. Centeno spoke about the monitors and water sampling they are doing continuously in the Coachella and Imperial Valley's. Wind speeds in different directions affects hydrogen sulfide concentrations, detected at magnitudes above CARB threshold (30 parts per billion) sometimes reaching over 180 parts per billion. A project at Lake Elsinore where they plan to oxygenate the bottom of the lake to increase dissolved oxygen, this will prevent sulfate reduction and production of H₂S, was also discussed.

The public Joe Shea and Directors' Kelley, Mirelez and Dockstader commented throughout the presentation.

3. Discussion
 - a. Existing Agencies and Assessment Protocols
 - b. Potential Data Gaps
 - c. Framework Task Force

GM O'Dowd

After further discussion between the board and GM O'Dowd, Director Kelley and Estrada would like to move this item to September 18 meeting.

On motion by Kelley second by, Mirelez the Board directed GM O'Dowd to provide the board a plan for the creation of framework task force at the September 18 meeting.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

- C Feasibility Study update – G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director, gave a brief update. A hydrologic model developed for the Sea will inform and affect everything over time. The Army Corp is working to put a team together that should be finalized by the end of this month.
- D Strategic Planning – Tara Mulally, CV Strategies, gave a brief update on the Strategic Plan and Purpose.
- E State and Federal Advocacy – Letters of Support
 1. Federal Funding for Feasibility Study – Lisa Moore gave a brief update. Discussed the Corp feasibility study and what we have historically done to help the Corp to continue its work in getting the letters of support out.

Director Kelley commented on an announcement he rec'd that the BLM has a competitive lease for geothermal rights at the Salton Sea. Most of this land is in the Salton Sea, known as the geothermal resource area but it is underwater. He will send the announcement to Patrick to share with Lisa.
 2. State of California Proposition 4 Funding – Cruz Strategies, Nick Romo gave a brief update. Legislation wrapped up with a month's recess and are due back August 18. Cruz Strategies is working hard and discussing our request for Proposition 4 and request for \$5MM of the \$10MM available in the climate bond for the Authority and the conservancy.
- F Consider Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees for FY 2025-2026. GM O'Dowd presented the committees and recommended approval of the committee assignments. There was no further discussion from the board.

On motion by Mirelez second by, Dockstader the Board approved the Appointments to Ad Hoc Committees for FY 2025-2026

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAINED:

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

G Project Updates

1. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project - GM O'Dowd stated that the County and the Authority are working to get a project in the ground, there is a lot of work on answering technical questions but are very close to understanding what is feasible and achievable given the technical and financial hurdles the project has faced.

Shea followed by saying that with the money that they have, they are working hard to build out a concept for the Pilot Project, working with the County and the Authority, leadership and consultants on the water budget to implement the project as designed and also thinking about work to demonstrate momentum around current budget that we have that is not enough to achieve full project, but to phase it and make sure we are showing forward progress. He also wanted to remind everyone that the SCH project started out much smaller and over the course of being able to demonstrate forward progress momentum and effectively deploying dollars to achieve big milestones, they were able to down more resources and were able to build it out. There are plenty of challenges with advancing this project, we are addressing the geo-tech, construction of the berm, seepage and connecting infrastructure. Patrick commented and said they should have more clarity in September.

2. Desert Shores, O'Dowd gave a brief update. Nicklaus should have their engineering work completed by the end of the 3rd Qtr. We did get approval to advance modification to the grant, though the Bureau has some staffing issues in implementing the extension, there may be a delay that may have an impact on this project. We are working very closely with our core partners on the local, regional and federal levels to make sure the importance of this project is highlighted and unduly delayed.
3. Bombay Beach, O'Dowd stated that this project has been transferred to the state SSMP and will be part of the state's discussion. Joe Shea stated that they are working on a public update of some sort – or an event that's happening at Bombay or potentially doing our own thing now that they are far enough along in design. He also wanted to point out what the Salton Sea would look like in the coming years and to point out the good work CVAG has been doing with the CV Link to the Sea and the broader North Lake Wetlands. All these projects are going to be game changers for the way that region will look like.

V. REPORTS

A. Federal

1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation, Lisa spoke during the State and Federal Advocacy – Letters of support, she also mentioned that there was an additional \$4MM that was secured through the Bureau of Reclamation.
2. US Bureau of Reclamation - Unassigned

B. State

H State Advocacy – Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies, no further updates he spoke during State and Federal Advocacy – Letters of Support

1. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency, gave a brief update on their active projects.

- ceremony for the SCH expansion pond, watering 2k acres,
- expansion at center and west ponds, more detail to come.
- Vegetation enhancements at Bombay Beach, working on irrigation infrastructure.
- Outreach and Engagement

2. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Enrique Arroyo, State Park , Ocotillo Wells District Superintendent gave a brief update. In the next few months they will be starting a Salton Sea State recreation general plan to help them to identify development and redevelopment of future operation of the State recreation area. They have also had conversations with CVAG on how CV Link will be entering the 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, spoke of his father, George O'Dowd who was a public servant, and would have been 114 years old that day. The work we do is not for ourselves it's for future generations.

VI. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Framework Task Force

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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Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register

July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025

Date	Number		Amount
07/01/2025	ACH	Imperial Irrigation District	Electricity service 6/25 (147.14)
07/02/2025	ACH	Lee and Associates Property Management	Rent 7/25 (1,250.00)
07/11/2025	ACH	Banc of California	VISA billing cycle ended 7/25 (1,109.76)
07/14/2025	ACH	Banc of California	Member contribution 200,000.00
07/22/2025	ACH	Banc of California	Member assessment 10,000.00
07/28/2025	ACH	Best, Best & Krieger	Legal services 7/25 (5,207.60)
07/28/2025	ACH	SystemGo IT LLC	IT and web services 7/25 (397.00)
07/28/2025	ACH	Cultivating Conservation	Consulting services 7/25 (7,350.00)
07/28/2025	ACH	Steve Cruz	Consulting services 7/25 (7,000.00)
07/28/2025	ACH	O'Dowd, George Patrick	Travel/conference reimbursement through 6/2025 (4,585.00)
07/28/2025	ACH	CV Strategies	Internet service 6/25 (2,318.75)
07/28/2025	ACH	Janice Rosenquist	Accounting services 7/25 (5,610.00)
07/29/2025	ACH	Frontier Communications	Utilities 7/25 (104.99)

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 105,015.64

Monthly Activity 174,919.76

Ending Cash Balance \$ 279,935.40



Salton Sea Authority
Budget to Actual
General Fund (Unaudited)
For the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

			C	B / C	B - C
	July 2025	YTD FY 2026	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 8%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 Local Government / Member Assessments	210,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 800,000	26%	\$ (590,000)
3 Other Federal / State / Local Contributions		-	525,000	0%	(525,000)
4 Sponsorships		-	10,000	0%	(10,000)
5 Grant Reimbursements and Other Income	11	11	44,300	0%	(44,289)
6 TOTAL REVENUE	210,011	210,011	1,379,300	15%	(1,169,289)
7 EXPENSES					
8 Total Salaries	18,770	18,770	238,995	8%	(220,225)
9 Total Employee Benefits	9,889	9,889	126,574	8%	(116,685)
10 Total Salaries & Benefits	28,659	28,659	365,569	8%	(336,910)
11 Contract / Professional Services		-		-	-
12 DC Advocates	7,350	7,350	89,600	8%	(82,250)
13 Sacramento Advocates	7,000	7,000	84,000	8%	(77,000)
14 Attorney Fees	2,208	2,208	48,000	5%	(45,792)
15 Audit & Accounting	4,455	4,455	75,000	6%	(70,545)
16 Public Outreach & Engagement	5,000	5,000	60,000	8%	(55,000)
17 Total Contract / Professional Services	26,013	26,013	356,600	7%	(330,587)
18 Administration		-		-	-
19 Travel/Mileage	3,000	3,000	35,000	9%	(32,000)
20 Conferences/Seminars/Summits		-	15,000	0%	(15,000)
21 Office Rent	1,250	1,250	17,400	7%	(16,150)
22 Utilities	147	147	4,000	4%	(3,853)
23 Repair and Service Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
24 Office Rent, Utilities, and Repair/Maintenance	1,397	1,397	21,400	7%	(20,003)
25 Equipment / IT Maintenance	397	397	5,100	8%	(4,703)
26 Non-capitalized Office Equipment	-	-	5,000	0%	(5,000)
27 Insurance	1,529	1,529	14,000	11%	(12,471)
28 Office Expense/Operating Supplies	1,267	1,267	5,400	23%	(4,133)
29 Office Expense/Online Services	90	90	5,400	2%	(5,310)
30 Dues, Subscriptions	1,501	1,501	10,000	15%	(8,499)
31 Operating Expenses/County Charges	(59)	(59)	6,000	-1%	(6,059)
32 Board Room Usage and Recordings	105	105	3,600	3%	(3,495)
33 Interest Expense	-	-	1,231	0%	(1,231)
34 Total Administration	9,228	9,228	127,131	7%	(117,903)
35 TOTAL EXPENSES	63,899	63,899	849,300	8%	(785,401)
36 NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)	\$ 146,112	\$ 146,112	\$ 530,000	28%	(383,888)
Net of Partner and Stakeholder support	\$ 146,112	\$ 146,112	\$ 5,000		

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Salton Sea Authority

Budget to Actual

DWR - Proposition 68 Grant (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

			C	B / C	B - C
	July 2025	YTD FY 26	Budget	YTD Target 100%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 State of California Grant (Prop 68)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,976,000	0.08%	\$ (1,976,000)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	1,976,000	0%	(1,976,000)
4 EXPENSES					
5 SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting			15,000	0%	(15,000)
6 Riverside County Salaries		-	-	0%	-
7 Contractors			1,961,000	0%	(1,961,000)
8 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo	-	-		0%	-
9 TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-	1,976,000	0%	(1,976,000)
10 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-



Salton Sea Authority

Budget to Actual

BOR -DSR (Unaudited)

For the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

				B / C	B - C
	July 2025	YTD FY 25	Budget	YTD Target 100%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE					
2 Bureau of Reclamation Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 744,000	0%	\$ (744,000)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	-	-	750,000	0%	(750,000)
4 EXPENSES					
5 Riverside County Salaries			-		-
6 SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting			15,000	0%	(15,000)
7 Contractors			735,000	0%	(735,000)
8 Legal Expenses			-		-
9 Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores Revitalization					-
10 TOTAL EXPENSES	-	-	750,000	0%	750,000
11 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -

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Salton Sea Authority

Balance Sheet

(Unaudited)
As of July 31, 2025

1	ASSETS		
2	Checking/Savings	\$	279,935
3	PacWest Checking		
4	Rivco Payroll		31,625
5	Rivco Investment		1,307
6	Rivco Investment FMV Adjustment		-
8	Checking/Savings		312,868
9	Accounts Receivable		-
10	Interest Receivable		-
11	Rent Deposits		1,250
12	Prepaid Items		15,800
13	Due from BOR		241,088
14	Grants Receivable		398,393
15	Due from Grant Funds		18,623
16	Right to Use Asset		12,064
17	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,000,086
18	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
19	LIABILITIES		
20	Accounts Payable		267,273
21	Accrued Expenses		9,000
22	Credit Card Payable		2,083
23	Accrued Payroll		5,109
24	Accrued Vacation		95,609
25	Accrued Sick		8,160
26	Lease Liability		13,014
27	Due to Other Funds		17,523
28	Due to BOR		-
29	Due to Riverside County		382,670
31	TOTAL LIABILITIES		800,440
33	Fund Balance		
34	Fund Balance		53,534
35	Net Income		146,112
37	FUND BALANCE		199,646
39	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$	1,000,086

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Salton Sea Authority

Budget to Actual

General Fund (Unaudited)

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

		B		C		B / C	B - C	
		Prelim June 2025	Prelim YTD FY 25	Final June 2025	Final YTD FY 25	Budget FY 25	YTD Target 100%	\$ Variance
1	REVENUE							
2	Local Government / Member Assessments		\$ 810,000		\$ 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	Grant Reimbursements and Other Income	2,342	11,060	4,728	13,151	30,000	44%	(16,849)
6	TOTAL REVENUE	2,342	821,060	4,728	823,151	850,000	97%	(26,849)
7	EXPENSES						N/A	-
8	Total Salaries	12,361	222,027	33,298	235,250	225,900	104%	9,350
9	Total Employee Benefits	6,521	136,575	9,276	135,220	127,000	106%	8,220
10	Total Salaries & Benefits	18,882	358,602	42,574	370,470	352,900	105%	17,570
11	Contract / Professional Services							-
12	DC Advocates	7,350	88,200	7,350	88,200	89,600	98%	(1,400)
13	Sacramento Advocates	7,000	42,000	7,000	42,000	84,000	50%	(42,000)
14	Attorney Fees	3,000	33,749	722	31,471	59,400	53%	(27,929)
15	Audit & Accounting	4,675	77,955	5,610	78,890	62,000	127%	16,890
16	Public Outreach & Engagement	-	47,800	2,319	50,119	50,000	100%	119
17	Total Contract / Professional Services	22,025	289,703	23,001	290,679	345,000	84%	(54,321)
18	Administration							-
19	Travel/Mileage	8,295	23,908	12,880	28,493	50,000	57%	(21,507)
20	Office Rent, Utilities, and Repair/Maintenance	1,343	16,151	1,343	16,151	24,000	67%	(7,849)
21	Equipment / IT Maintenance	397	4,989	397	4,989	5,100	98%	(111)
22	Non-capitalized Office Equipment	-	1,081	-	1,081	8,000	14%	(6,919)
23	Insurance	470	11,033	370	10,933	13,000	84%	(2,067)
24	Office Expense/Operating Supplies	556	5,697	556	5,697	8,700	65%	(3,003)
25	Office Expense/Online Services	90	4,053	90	4,053	5,400	75%	(1,347)
26	Dues, Subscriptions	366	8,999	359	9,499	10,000	95%	(501)
27	Operating Expenses/County Charges	1,000	6,481	1,079	5,058	5,400	94%	(342)
28	Board Room Usage and Recordings	136	3,159	136	3,159	3,600	88%	(441)
29	Interest Expense	-	141	356	497	1,500	33%	(1,003)
30	Total Administration	12,653	85,692	17,567	89,609	134,700	67%	(45,091)
31	TOTAL EXPENSES	53,560	733,997	83,142	750,758	832,600	90%	(81,842)
32	NET REVENUE / (EXPENSES)	\$ (51,218)	\$ 87,064	\$ (78,413)	\$ 72,393	\$ 17,400	416%	54,993

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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
	Prelim June 2025	Prelim YTD FY 25	Final June 2025	Final YTD FY 25	Budget	YTD Target 100%	\$ Variance
1 REVENUE							
2 State of California Grant (Prop 68)	52,000	\$ 390,353	\$ 204,766	\$ 546,759	2,000,000	20%	(1,453,241)
3 TOTAL REVENUE	52,000	390,353	204,766	546,759	2,000,000	20%	(1,453,241)
4 EXPENSES		-					-
5 SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting	1,000	8,069	2,880	9,654	79,700	10%	(70,046)
6 Riverside County Salaries	-	-		-	-		-
7 Contractors	51,000	382,284	201,886	537,105	1,920,300	20%	(1,383,195)
8 Department of Water Resources-North Lake Demo		-					-
9 TOTAL EXPENSES	52,000	390,353	204,766	546,759	2,000,000	20%	(1,453,241)
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		B / C		B - C	
	Prelim June 2025	Prelim YTD FY 25	Final June 2025	Final YTD FY 25	Budget	YTD Target 100%	\$ Variance	
1	REVENUE							
2	Bureau of Reclamation Grant	200,909	\$ 260,153	241,087	300,837	750,000	40%	(449,163)
3	TOTAL REVENUE	200,909	260,153	241,087	300,837	750,000	40%	#REF!
4	EXPENSES							
5	Riverside County Salaries	-	-			-		-
6	SSA Salaries & Contract Accounting	1,325	2,303	1,325	2,810	25,000	11%	(22,190)
7	Contractors	199,584	257,849	239,762	298,027	725,000	41%	(426,973)
8	Legal Expenses	-	-			-		-
9	Bureau of Reclamation-Desert Shores R	-	-					-
			-					
10	TOTAL EXPENSES	200,909	260,153	241,087	300,837	750,000	40%	750,000
11	NET INCOME / (LOSS)	-	-	(0)	-	-	-	-

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Salton Sea Authority

Balance Sheet

(Unaudited)
As of June 30, 2025 (Final)

1	ASSETS		
2	Checking/Savings	\$	105,022
3	PacWest Checking		
4	Rivco Payroll		60,280
5	Rivco Investment		1,307
6	Rivco Investment FMV Adjustment		-
8	Checking/Savings		166,610
9	Accounts Receivable		-
10	Interest Receivable		-
11	Rent Deposits		1,250
12	Prepaid Items		18,043
13	Due from BOR		241,088
14	Grants Receivable		398,393
15	Due from Grant Funds		17,523
16	Right to Use Asset		12,064
17	TOTAL ASSETS	\$	854,970
18	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		
19	LIABILITIES		
20	Accounts Payable		272,231
21	Accrued Expenses		6,000
22	Credit Card Payable		1,121
23	Accrued Payroll		5,109
24	Accrued Vacation		95,609
25	Accrued Sick		8,160
26	Lease Liability		13,014
27	Due to Other Funds		17,523
28	Due to BOR		-
29	Due to Riverside County		382,670
31	TOTAL LIABILITIES		801,436
33	Fund Balance		
34	Fund Balance		(18,859)
35	Net Income		72,393
37	FUND BALANCE		53,534
39	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$	854,970

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Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: September 18, 2025

Re: ACWA Ballot

Every two years, ACWA selects new leadership. Candidates have been interviewed and recommendations have been made by selection committees for ACWA President, Vice President, and within Region 9, Chair, Vice Chair, and board members. The recommended slate is attached.

Recommendation:

Authorize staff to vote the slate of candidates as recommended by the respective ACWA nominating committees.



Board Officers' Election for President & Vice President and Region Boards for 2026-'27

Both questions below are optional.

Please vote for only **one** candidate for each seat.

To write-in your vote, select Write-in and then type out your choice. Write-in candidates must be an elected or appointed director of an ACWA member agency and must submit a nominating/support resolution from their member agency's board no later than September 19.

Deadline to submit ballots is 5 p.m. on September 19.

ACWA President



Ernesto A. Avila (Election Committee's preferred candidate)

As the current Vice-President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), I am most proud o...
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Write-in:

ACWA Vice President



Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady (Election Committee's preferred candidate)

I am pleased to offer my Statement of Qualifications as a Candidate for ACWA Vice President. I'm passionate...
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Write-in:

Region 9 Election Ballot for 2026-'27 Term

Submitted board candidate bios and headshots are available on
<https://www.acwa.com/elections>

You may either vote for the slate recommended by the Region Nominating Committee or vote for individual region board members (please note rules & regulations for specific qualifications).

View full rules and regulations [HERE](#)

Region 9 Nominating Committee Recommended Slate

Chair:

- Joseph Grindstaff, Board of Director, Eastern Municipal Water District (Western)

Vice Chair:

- Paul Ortega, Board President, Desert Water Agency (Arid)

Board Members:

- Brenda Dennstedt, Director, Western Municipal Water District (Western)
- Russ Martin, Director, Mission Springs Water District (Arid)
- James Morales Jr., Chairman of the Board, East Valley Water District (Western)
- G. Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director/GM, Salton Sea Authority (Arid)
- Harvey R. Ryan, Board Member/Director of Division 2, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (Western)

Nominating Committee’s Recommended Slate

You may select **one** of the following.



I concur with the Region's Nominating Committee’s recommended slate above.



I do not concur with the Region's Nominating Committee’s recommended slate. I will vote for individual candidates below as indicated.

Cancel

Continue

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: September 18, 2025

Re: Colorado River and the Salton Sea Authority

The Authority board has long recognized the connection between Colorado River Operations and changes at the Salton Sea. This nexus is highlighted as the operating guidelines for the river are set to expire and principally responsible parties strive to develop operating plans going forward. Based on conversations with board members, Authority staff is inviting board direction as to how the Authority and its resources might contribute to a favorable outcome for the benefit of California in current negotiations.

Recommendation:

Provide staff direction on if and how the Authority should engage in this issue.

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director /GM
Date: September 18, 2025

Re: Framework Task Force Update

At our last board meeting we discussed in detail the creation of a task force that would inform public discourse regarding myriad concerns raised about potential threats to public health and safety. That discussion derives from a long history of decline and increasing data that would suggest that the changes taking place at the Sea are at least in part contributing to these adverse health outcomes. Work being done by UCR, Brown, UCLA, and others, working in many instances with concerned community groups, have catalogued these concerns.

But at its core, a select few public agencies have principal responsibility for the oversight and redress of these concerns, including:

- Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- California Air Resources Board
- Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

We have substantively engaged each of these organizations in meaningful discussions in this regard and are working to facilitate an initial gathering of the group. In addition, extensive discussions have taken place with universities and community groups, and in all instances the concept of a durable framework was well received.

Recommendation:

Direct staff to further advance this work, including developing a plan, timeline, and an assessment of necessary resources for its implementation.