

Sea Conservancy to absorb these positions for purposes of operating and maintaining SSMP restoration projects, pursuant to their statutory responsibility. Since the passing of Proposition 4 and the creation of the Salton Sea Conservancy, these positions are now being considered in budget planning for staffing the Conservancy.

The current organization of the SSMP Team is shown in **Figure 22**. The SSMP Team consists of 35 full-time positions and includes staff from

CNRA (4 positions), CDFW (16 positions), and DWR (17 positions). In 2024, the SSMP filled seven key vacancies (five at CDFW and two at DWR), bolstering organizational capacity to deliver on its commitments. Most of these positions are based in the Salton Sea Region. Besides increasing the number of staff on the SSMP Team, the SSMP also has access to specialized staff through contracted services for planning, environmental analysis, engineering, outreach, and dust project implementation.

5.6 Funding Status and Planning

In the fall of 2024 and in early 2025, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) granted a total of \$175 million in commitments to accelerate construction of restoration projects at the Sea, in addition to \$70 million previously committed, for a total of \$245 million in federal funding commitments per the Salton Sea Commitments Agreement. In December 2023, Reclamation committed \$70 million to the State to begin the expansion of the SCH Project

Figure 22. Salton Sea Management Program organizational chart.

