

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY SPECIAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2026

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 10:10 a.m., February 19, 2026 at the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe and via Zoom Webinar.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Director Morreo

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT ON SITE

Gina Dockstader, President
Ryan E. Kelley, Director
Joseph Mirelez, Director
RoseMarie Morreo, Director
V. Manuel Perez, Director
Ex-Officio Joe Shea

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
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Riverside County
California Natural Resources Agency

DIRECTORS PRESENT VIA ZOOM

Director Singh, Director

AGENCY

Imperial County

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Alex Cárdenas, Director
Yxstian Gutierrez, Treasurer
John Aguilar, Director

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Riverside County
Coachella Valley Water District

President Dockstader asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

No Changes

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

On Site: Enrique Arroyo, Ocotillo Wells , Pat Cooper, Deputy Chief of Staff, Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez.

Via Zoom: Glenn Farrell, Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies, Larissa O Sinclair, Tom Sephton, Lisa Moore, Cultivating, Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies, Glenn Farrel, GF Advocacy, Evon Willhoff, DWR, Vicki Doyle, IID, Jennifer Barnakian-Poland, CV Strategies, Alan Pace, SSAC.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

III. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

President Dockstader commented on the \$400.00 Western Growers Dues, Patrick stated that it is beneficial, it involves the agriculture community, it's something we're trying out. Dockstader stated that she just did a video with them, Western Growers are doing community outreach right now and will check with them to see if they can do something with the Authority.

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

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File
1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting 1/15/2026
 2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for 1/31/2026
 3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Reporting July 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025

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

Approved by the Following Vote:

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ABSTAINED: 0

- B. Authorize Distribution of Comment Letter on Draft Post-2026 Colorado River Operational Guidelines

Director O'Dowd introduced this item; Lisa Moore outlined the EIS letter focus and intent. O'Dowd acknowledged Ms. Moore for her time and effort in drafting this important document.

Vice-President Estrada advised that he draft letter was shared with the CVWD Board and Attorney's and no conflicts or concerns were raised. As acknowledged in the letter, the Bureau of Reclamation is relying on the feasibility Study to address and mitigation impacts to the Salton Sea from Post 2026 operations.

Treasurer Mirelez commented on the language and noted it highlights the federal responsibility to the Tribe.

Director Perez commented regarding adequate funding and Ms. Moore responded that funding has been requested from the remaining \$1 Billion Inflation Reduction Act funds.

President Dockstader provided 4 comments:

#1 - 1st page, 2nd sentence

Requested that the purpose should be as reflected in the JPA agreement

#2 - Page 3 at the very bottom

Stated there were more recent information in this regard, and would provide in order to update the letter.

#3 - Page 7

III. 2nd paragraph

Requested clarification on the Authority's early engagement in the Feasibility Study and its relationship to the Post 2026 Operating Guidelines. Lisa Moore provided a detailed historic accounting of the Authority's involvement.

#4 - Mitigation:

Requested clarification between mitigation and restoration. Ex Officio Shea agreed with this comment.

Director Kelley offered an amendment to motion and ask that the Colorado River Board and the CA Parks and Natural Resources be copied on the final document.

On motion by Dockstader second by, Mirelez the Board to approve revised to reflect President Dockstader's comments as noted and amended by Kelley as to distribution, and subject final board review prior to release.

Approved by the Following Vote:

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ABSTAINED: 0

- C. Update on Proposition 68 Funds Dispensation and Possible Action Relating Thereto - Director O'Dowd gave a brief update on the remaining North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project Proposition 68 funds. The state and the Authority are working to integrate the Pilot Demonstration Project and associated funding into the greater North Lake Wetlands project being developed by the SSMP. It is expected this will advance as a collaborative effort with the Authority ensuring that community input is properly reflected in the developed project. In conjunction therewith, a tentative agreement to allocate \$200,000 annually to the Authority to fund this effort, along with collaborative work necessary to integrate this project into the USACE feasibility study effort. Ex Officio Shea indicated that this matter should be resolved before June 30.

V. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, March 19, at 10:00 a.m.

at

Imperial County BOS Chamber

940 W Main Street

El Centro, CA 92243

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