



AGENDA:
DATE:
LOCATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration 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 V. Manuel Perez
Supervisor, Riverside County
78015 Main Street, Suite 205
La Quinta, CA 92253

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. CHANGES TO AGENDA

The Board will be asked to review and may change the order of Agenda, or approve as presented. The Board may also add Agenda items as provided under Government Code section 54954.2.

III. 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, 07/16/2026 Board meeting” in the subject line, and also include your name, 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 Wednesday, July 15th**, publicly acknowledged during the Board meeting. (Written comments will be included in the public record but not be read aloud.)

IV. 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.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File

1. Minutes of Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting 6/18/2026
2. Salton Sea Authority Warrant Register Ratification for June 30, 2026
3. Salton Sea Authority Internal Financial Report for June 30, 2026
4. Extension and Modification of Federal Advocacy Contract
5. Appointment of Committee Assignments for 2026/2027

B. Aron King, SoCal Area Manager, Lower CO Region, USBR – intro and remarks

C. Imogen Lee, UCLA Water Quality Research and Grant Request.

D. Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Post 2026 Colorado River Operations consultation request.

E. Strategic Plan Implementation

1. Review and consider adoption of Salton Sea Framework of Assurance
2. Authorize distribution of DOI/CNRA/Authority MOU Term Sheet (Discussion Draft) to inform existing and future joint efforts

F. Salton Sea Conservancy Executive Manager Recruitment - Secure Board direction with respect thereto and discuss possible Salton Sea Authority collaboration.

- G. Project Related Activity
 - 1. USACE Feasibility Study
 - a. Funding
 - b. WRDA 2026
 - c. RAPID Implementation
 - 2. North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project
 - a. Update on reallocation of Prop 68 proceeds
 - 3. Desert Shores
 - a. Update on Legal for Site Control (GAFCON)

VI. REPORTS

- A. Federal
 - 1. Federal Activities – Lisa Moore Lehman, Partner, Cultivating Conservation
 - 2. US Bureau of Reclamation – Aron King, SoCal Area Mgr., Lower CO Region
- B. State
 - 1. State Advocacy - Nick Romo, Cruz Strategies and Glen Farrel, GF Advocacy
 - 2. State of California – Mr. Miguel Hernandez, Public Affairs Officer, California Natural Resources Agency
- C. Salton Sea State Recreation Area Update on Activities – Ray Lennox, Colorado District Superintendent. – No Report
- 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

VII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The Salton Sea Authority board is scheduled to meet on:

Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.

at

Imperial County BOS Chamber

940 W Main Street

El Centro, CA 92243

(442) 265-1020 Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection located at 82500 Highway 111, Suite 4 Indio, CA 92201.