



Cultivating Conservation

MEMO

TO: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors and G. Patrick O'Dowd
FROM: Lisa Moore
RE: **Federal Report**
DATE: July 13, 2026

As noted in my last report, the Authority secured the support of our Senators to request \$2.146 million in FY27 Energy and Water appropriations to ensure that the Salton Sea Feasibility Study remains on track. While appropriations bills are typically advanced in the Senate Appropriations Committee in July, Committee action on all the FY27 appropriations legislation has been stalled due to disagreements between the Chair and Ranking Member over how to address the Administration's request for increased defense spending.

With the fiscal year ending September 30, it is likely that we will be looking at continuing resolution to fund the government until after the November elections. At that point, negotiators would work to complete the bills, where our request will be in play.

In addition, we are in the process of scheduling a meeting with Interior and Reclamation. That meeting will focus on the Authority's requests for Interior's financial and technical engagement to address Salton Sea impacts associated with Reclamation's Colorado River Post 2026 operational guidelines, expected to be released in August.