



Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Imperial Irrigation District
Bill Condit Auditorium
1285 Broadway Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-9618

**** AMENDED AGENDA ****



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ADDED:

Director Hanks will be attending via videoconference from:
CAC, Conference Room D
4080 Lemon St., 5th floor
Riverside, CA 92501

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time set aside for any Board Member to ask questions or address any issue posed by a member of the public.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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E. Salton Sea Action Committee – (Juan DeLara, President)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

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10:00 a.m.

Coachella Valley Water District

Steve Robbins Administration Building

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Palm Desert, CA 92260

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 28, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by James C. Hanks, Vice-President – per advance request from President G Patrick O’Dowd, who notified staff in advance that he would be out of town for a conference – on September 28, 2017, at the Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administration Building, 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA 92260, (760) 398-2651.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

James C. Hanks, Vice-President
Cástulo R. Estrada, Treasurer
Marion Ashley, Director
Ryan E. Kelley, Director
V. Manuel Perez, Director
Altrena Santillanes, Director

AGENCY

Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
Riverside County
Imperial County
Riverside County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

In keeping with the Salton Sea Authority bylaws, there being at least three of the five member agencies represented, and a single director carrying the vote of both directors when the second director of the same agency is absent, a quorum was declared, and the meeting proceeded.

DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT

G. Patrick O’Dowd, President*
Thomas Torte, Secretary
John Renison, Director
Erik J. Ortega, Director

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Water District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
Imperial County
Imperial Irrigation District

DIRECTORS PRESENT
VIA TELECONFERENCE

AGENCY

**Although SSA President G. Patrick O'Dowd was present for the meeting via phone, he did not participate in a pre-posted, voting capacity.*

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director/General Manager
Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

AGENCY

Tevita Moce	SEAthletes
Davy Aker	SEAthletes
Alan Pace	PETRA/SSAC
Richard Burns	College of the Desert
Jack Jessup	
Anthony Jones	GeoSyntec
Pat Keller	Homeowner
Joy Brenneman	
Fritz Bachli	Boston University
Nancy Moll	College of the Desert
Brad Williams	Granite Construction
F. Lopez	
Kelly Claar	CA State Parks
Michael Flores	CA Fish & Wildlife
Pat Cooper	Supervisor Perez
Chris Gibson	UC Irvine
Alan Boyce	Taché Basin
Nikola Lakic	Geothermal World Wide
Andy Horne	County of Imperial
Jasmyn Phillips	Resident
Tom Sephton	Sephton Water Technology
Matthew Luther	Resident
Jeff Mercer	Granite Construction
Alex Schriener	Earth Systems
Ed Schiller	ILC
Vickie Doyle	IID

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Director Estrada thanked Assemblymember Garcia for his efforts in putting together the meeting with Governor Brown. It sounds like Governor Brown is willing to help secure funding for the Salton Sea moving forward. And he thanked the Assemblymember and Phil Rosentrater and Phil Johnson for putting together the well-attended Update on the Salton Sea last Saturday. Director Estrada asked SSA Executive Director Phil Rosentrater to help bring the congressman to our area for a meeting similar to Saturday's.

- B. Director Perez commented on the meeting with Governor Brown and the strong unison shown by the member agencies of the SSA. He thanked the community and Assemblyman Garcia for their involvement in Saturday's educational event, and encouraged the community to continue to engage.
- C. Director Kelley thanked Assemblyman Garcia for using his influence to get us together with Governor Brown on September 7 to be able to discuss the Salton Sea and geothermal and other renewable resources in Imperial County and around the Sea. He mentioned the Park bond which has shrunk from its original amount but is still a very good commitment that the voters need to approve, and said he appreciated the announcement of an RFP for the water importation concept as part of a long-range goal. He asked that Salton Sea Authority send the Governor a letter inviting him to come. The Governor had expressed mild interest in visiting the Salton Sea area when the weather is cooler – perhaps November. Mr. Rosentrater responded that there is an event in Brawley that might be of special interest.
- D. Director Ashley said that although solving the Salton Sea problem is still a long way off, this is a very strong step in the right direction, He thanked Assemblymember Garcia for his efforts on behalf of our community and the Salton Sea.
- E. Director Hanks commented on the meeting at the North Shore Yacht Club Saturday being packed and being a move in the right direction. The articles he receives on the Salton Sea show good positive momentum on the Salton Sea.
- F. Director Santillanes received positive feedback from the tribal members with regard to the meeting with Governor Brown and the workshop held at the North Shore Yacht Club.
- G. Director O'Dowd expressed his appreciation that the Congressman is getting engaged.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Kerry Morrison, Director of Ecomedia Compass, encouraged the SSA Board to get involved in the Desert Shores restoration project to see if they could help get the costly permit fees waived on the work that is being done at no charge.
- B. Nikola Lakich of Indio spoke on his long-term solution for the Salton Sea and that he wants the water brought back to the 1950s level.
- C. Jasmyn Phillips, Salton City resident and wildlife photographer. She noted that the channel at the lagoon at the North Shore Yacht Club and the channel at the State Park are cut off, and would like to see these two bodies of water preserved for fish and birds. She recently heard Audubon reports that there were no sightings of white pelicans at the sea, but she was glad to report that yesterday she observed around 100 white pelicans at the Sea.
- D. Fritz Bachli, a resident 12 miles from the Salton Sea who teaches environmental science, has studied local health reports and interviewed locals about the health impacts of the poor air quality around the Salton Sea. He asked Director Kelley and Director Perez to ask the Governor to declare a Salton Sea state of emergency.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of June 15, 2017
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for 05/01/2017 – 06/30/2017
- C. Warrant Register Ratification for 7/01/2017 – 07/31/2017

*Director Hanks moved that the Consent Calendar be approved. **Seconded** by Director Kelley. **Unanimously carried.***

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. SEAthletes

Davey Acker spoke about SEAthletes and how it got started, the upcoming SeaFest, Foster Future Sea Stewards, and Kaiwai Club takes kids out on water and teaches them team spirit and respect.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider SSA position regarding Draft Stipulated Order Revising WRO 2002-0013 (revised)

Phil Rosentrater introduced the matter: the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is seeking comment on the state’s Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan and a related Draft Stipulated Order Revising WRO 2002-0013 (revised) that provides additional guidance and oversight and milestones – more specificity – for that particular plan. The SSA requested from the SWRCB the opportunity to reserve comment on the Order until after the SSA Board of Directors had an opportunity to meet and discuss the matter at the SSA’s September 28, 2017 Board meeting. The SSA members had differing opinions on various aspects of the SWRCB proposal, but end of day all of SSA agreed on the need to move forward with additional pressure on the state and to gain more specificity on the SSMP through this petition, and the same message underscored the need for unity in that message to make sure we’re doing this in a way where all the parties of SSA are engaged in a beneficial manner.

Staff of Salton Sea Authority recommends a “support” position.

*Director Kelley made a **motion** to support. Director Ashley **seconded** the motion. Discussion ensued, with Director Perez and Director Estrada voicing that this is good, but they want all the SSA agencies to be included in future talks and action.*

*Director Kelley **amended his motion** to incorporate this request; Director Ashley **amended the second** to include it as well.*

A roll call vote was taken with Directors Hanks, Estrada, Kelley, and Santillanes exercising their second vote on behalf of their colleagues who were not present.

Unanimously carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. General Manager's Report on Activities – (Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority)

Mr. Rosentrater reported that the Torres Martinez wetlands project would be completed soon – the first ever completed with state funds. He invited questions on the report he had submitted to the Board; there were none.

B. Legislative Update

Phillip Johnson reported that there are two bills awaiting signature, the SB615, a very important bill, and the SB. The Governor has until October 15 to sign or veto, and what he's heard it looks very promising.

C. Standing Report

1. FEDERAL: US Bureau of Reclamation

Not able to attend

2. STATE: Assistant Secretary of Resources for Salton Sea

Assistant Secretary Bruce Wilcox called in earlier, but was not able to get a good connection, so was not able to give his report.

D. Salton Sea Action Committee

Juan DeLara spoke about continuing to support the SSA and meeting with Bruce Wilcox on a monthly basis. He thanked SSA's Phillip Johnson for speaking at the DACE meeting – real estate agents who are getting the message out to the public who are purchasing homes and addressing their concerns.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Vice-President Jim Hanks adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The regularly-scheduled meeting will be held

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Warrant Register
August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
08/21/2017	16244	Johnson, Phillip	308.08
08/21/2017	16245	OfficeTeam	8,142.00
08/21/2017	16246	Rosentrater, Phil	221.79
08/21/2017	16247	Sampson, GJ Acct	5,233.00
08/21/2017	EFT	FedEx	23.00
08/21/2017	16243	Alliant Consulting Inc	1,007.50
08/21/2017	16248	Best, Best & Krieger	2,450.30
08/21/2017	16249	Platinum Consulting Group LLC	340.00
08/21/2017	16250	SystemGo IT LLC	960.25
08/22/2017	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,135.73
08/22/2017	EFT	American Express	2,779.39
08/23/2017	EFT	Verizon Wireless	228.79
08/31/2017	16251	MAP Productions Inc	110,136.35
08/31/2017	16252	Tetra Tech - 214	2,886.93
08/31/2017	EFT	Rabobank	25.00
Total \$			135,878.11

Salton Sea Authority Balance Sheet by Fund

As of June 30, 2017

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	310 RCPP - NRCS	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
0001010 · Cash - Checking	16,782.83	16,204.51	-397.50	0.00	32,589.84
0001011 · Cash - Money Market	350,792.72	7,200.00	0.00	20,991.43	378,984.15
0001012 · Cash - RivCo Fund	3,680.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,680.31
0001015 · Cash - Petty Cash	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	371,455.86	23,404.51	-397.50	20,991.43	415,454.30
Accounts Receivable					
0001210 · Accounts Receivable	610,000.00	26,936.97	0.00	0.00	636,936.97
Total Accounts Receivable	610,000.00	26,936.97	0.00	0.00	636,936.97
Other Current Assets					
0001211 · Interest Receivable	18.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.82
0001380 · Other Receivables	508.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	508.14
Total Other Current Assets	526.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	526.96
Total Current Assets	981,982.82	50,341.48	-397.50	20,991.43	1,052,918.23
TOTAL ASSETS	981,982.82	50,341.48	-397.50	20,991.43	1,052,918.23
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
0002010 · Accounts Payable	43,499.27	150,828.63	360.00	0.00	194,687.90
Total Accounts Payable	43,499.27	150,828.63	360.00	0.00	194,687.90
Credit Cards					
0002015 · Credit Card Payable	1,653.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,653.89
0002016 · Credit Card Payable AE	3,360.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,360.19
Total Credit Cards	5,014.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,014.08
Other Current Liabilities					
0002070 · Accrued Expenditures	4,479.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,479.83
0002820 · Deferred Revenue	610,000.00	24,048.09	0.00	0.00	634,048.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	614,479.83	24,048.09	0.00	0.00	638,527.92
Total Current Liabilities	662,993.18	174,876.72	360.00	0.00	838,229.90
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Equity					
0003009 · Fund Balance	301,084.14	-277,704.83	0.00	20,991.43	44,370.74
Net Income	17,905.50	153,169.59	-757.50	0.00	170,317.59
Total Equity	318,989.64	-124,535.24	-757.50	20,991.43	214,688.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	981,982.82	50,341.48	-397.50	20,991.43	1,052,918.23

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
July 2016 through June 2017

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	310 RCPP - NRCS	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
0004662 · Local Gov/Member Assessments	610,000.00	0.00	0.00	610,000.00
0004660 · State of California Grants	0.00	460,180.54	0.00	460,180.54
0004710 · Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	1,238.77	0.00	0.00	1,238.77
0004760 · Miscellaneous Revenue	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Total Income	611,253.77	460,180.54	0.00	1,071,434.31
Expense				
1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION				
1025010 · Salaries				
Salaries - RivCo EDA	111,196.68	0.00	0.00	111,196.68
Salaries - Admin Support A	43,883.61	0.00	0.00	43,883.61
Total 1025010 · Salaries	155,080.29	0.00	0.00	155,080.29
1025500 · Employee Benefits				
Employee Benefits - RivCo EDA	30,199.59	0.00	0.00	30,199.59
Employee Benefits - SSA	24,392.00	0.00	0.00	24,392.00
Total 1025500 · Employee Benefits	54,591.59	0.00	0.00	54,591.59
1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional				
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup C	21,262.50	0.00	0.00	21,262.50
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup D	42,819.65	0.00	0.00	42,819.65
Contract Svc/Prof - Exec Sup	68,355.15	0.00	0.00	68,355.15
Contract Svc/Prof - Audit	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Contract Svc/Prof - Finance	49,987.25	0.00	0.00	49,987.25
Total 1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional	190,424.55	0.00	0.00	190,424.55
1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney				
Contract Svcs/Attorney - Genera	29,627.08	0.00	0.00	29,627.08
Total 1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney	29,627.08	0.00	0.00	29,627.08
1026095 · Contract Svc/Equipment Maint	6,609.00	0.00	0.00	6,609.00
1028551 · Capital Equipment <\$5,000	4,701.73	0.00	0.00	4,701.73
1026096 · Contract Svc/Equipment Lease	356.02	0.00	0.00	356.02
1026120 · Insurance	11,902.14	0.00	0.00	11,902.14
1027030 · Office Exp/Operating Supplies	3,699.55	0.00	0.00	3,699.55
1027035 · Office Exp/Online Services	1,216.77	0.00	0.00	1,216.77
1026450 · Postage, Mail	811.43	0.00	0.00	811.43
1026470 · Printing Services	458.67	0.00	0.00	458.67
1026439 · Dues, Subscriptions	11,007.00	0.00	0.00	11,007.00
1026350 · Communications	6,117.98	0.00	0.00	6,117.98
1026370 · Travel/Meetings	77,947.37	0.00	0.00	77,947.37
1026053 · Contract Svc/ Website	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
1026430 · Advertising	138.00	0.00	0.00	138.00
1026060 · Contract Svcs/WRI,Archive Mgmt	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Total 1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION	584,189.17	0.00	0.00	584,189.17
6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION				
6026010 · Contract Svcs/Attorney	3,894.10	0.00	0.00	3,894.10
6026013 · Contract Svcs/Accountant	5,265.00	0.00	0.00	5,265.00
6026014 · Contract Svcs/TM Proj Mgmt	0.00	25,063.75	0.00	25,063.75
Total 6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION	9,159.10	25,063.75	0.00	34,222.85
6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL				
6046020 · Contract Svcs/AMEC - update	0.00	-787.50	0.00	-787.50
6046025 · Contract Svcs - AMEC/NSYC	0.00	3,949.71	0.00	3,949.71
6046040 · Contract Svcs/Design	0.00	14,433.24	0.00	14,433.24
6046070 · Contract Svcs/LCP	0.00	4,418.75	0.00	4,418.75
6046080 · Contract Svcs/Construction	0.00	259,933.00	0.00	259,933.00
Total 6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL	0.00	281,947.20	0.00	281,947.20
6080000 · RCPP NRCS PROGRAM EXPENSES				
6085013 · Contract Services - Accountant	0.00	0.00	757.50	757.50
Total 6080000 · RCPP NRCS PROGRAM EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	757.50	757.50
Total Expense	593,348.27	307,010.95	757.50	901,116.72
Net Ordinary Income	17,905.50	153,169.59	-757.50	170,317.59
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
non-pos · Non-posting items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Income	17,905.50	153,169.59	-757.50	170,317.59

Salton Sea Authority
Balance Sheet by Fund

As of August 31, 2017

Accrual Basis

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	310 RCPP - NRCS	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	Unclassified	TOTAL
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Checking/Savings						
0001010 · Cash - Checking	-1,834.58	-99,490.02	-757.50	0.00	0.00	-102,082.10
0001011 · Cash - Money Market	580,942.49	121,381.10	0.00	20,991.43	0.00	723,315.02
0001012 · Cash - RivCo Fund	10,559.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,559.14
0001015 · Cash - Petty Cash	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	589,867.05	21,891.08	-757.50	20,991.43	0.00	631,992.06
Accounts Receivable						
0001210 · Accounts Receivable	300,000.00	32,946.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	332,946.50
Total Accounts Receivable	300,000.00	32,946.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	332,946.50
Other Current Assets						
0001211 · Interest Receivable	-26.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-26.25
0001380 · Other Receivables	508.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	508.14
Total Other Current Assets	481.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	481.89
Total Current Assets	890,348.94	54,837.58	-757.50	20,991.43	0.00	965,420.45
TOTAL ASSETS	890,348.94	54,837.58	-757.50	20,991.43	0.00	965,420.45
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable						
0002010 · Accounts Payable	15,073.73	159,794.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	174,868.33
Total Accounts Payable	15,073.73	159,794.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	174,868.33
Credit Cards						
0002015 · Credit Card Payable	1,215.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,215.69
0002016 · Credit Card Payable AE	4,078.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,281.97	6,360.01
Total Credit Cards	5,293.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,281.97	7,575.70
Other Current Liabilities						
0002820 · Deferred Revenue	0.00	24,048.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,048.09
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	24,048.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,048.09
Total Current Liabilities	20,367.46	183,842.69	0.00	0.00	2,281.97	206,492.12
Total Liabilities	20,367.46	183,842.69	0.00	0.00	2,281.97	206,492.12
Equity						
0003009 · Fund Balance	318,989.64	-124,535.24	-757.50	20,991.43	0.00	214,688.33
Net Income	550,991.84	-4,469.87	0.00	0.00	-2,281.97	544,240.00
Total Equity	869,981.48	-129,005.11	-757.50	20,991.43	-2,281.97	758,928.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	890,348.94	54,837.58	-757.50	20,991.43	0.00	965,420.45

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
 July through August 2017

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
0004662 · Local Gov/Member Assessments	610,000.00	0.00	610,000.00
0004660 · State of California Grants	0.00	110,590.63	110,590.63
0004710 · Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	127.70	0.00	127.70
Total Income	610,127.70	110,590.63	720,718.33
Expense			
1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION			
1025010 · Salaries			
Salaries - RivCo EDA	1,054.24	0.00	1,054.24
Salaries - Admin Support A	5,549.54	0.00	5,549.54
Total 1025010 · Salaries	6,603.78	0.00	6,603.78
1025500 · Employee Benefits			
Employee Benefits - RivCo EDA	239.21	0.00	239.21
Employee Benefits - SSA	2,744.81	0.00	2,744.81
Total 1025500 · Employee Benefits	2,984.02	0.00	2,984.02
1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional			
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup C	2,362.50	0.00	2,362.50
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup D	8,276.90	0.00	8,276.90
Contract Svc/Prof - Exec Sup	13,656.30	0.00	13,656.30
Contract Svc/Prof - Finance	7,566.00	0.00	7,566.00
Total 1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional	31,861.70	0.00	31,861.70
1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney			
Contract Svcs/Attorney - Genera	1,447.20	0.00	1,447.20
Total 1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney	1,447.20	0.00	1,447.20
1026095 · Contract Svc/Equipment Maint			
1028551 - Capital Equipment <\$5,000	1,639.25	0.00	1,639.25
1026096 · Contract Svc/Equipment Lease	-150.00	0.00	-150.00
1027030 · Office Exp/Operating Supplies	88.09	0.00	88.09
1027035 · Office Exp/Online Services	407.80	0.00	407.80
1026450 · Postage, Mail	90.00	0.00	90.00
1026439 · Dues, Subscriptions	23.00	0.00	23.00
1026350 · Communications	101.00	0.00	101.00
1026370 · Travel/Meetings	560.82	0.00	560.82
	13,318.07	0.00	13,318.07
Total 1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION	58,974.73	0.00	58,974.73
6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION			
6026010 · Contract Svcs/Attorney	1,003.10	0.00	1,003.10
6026013 · Contract Svcs/Accountant	1,440.00	0.00	1,440.00
Total 6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATI...	2,443.10	0.00	2,443.10
6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL			
6046070 · Contract Svcs/LCP	0.00	1,007.50	1,007.50
6046080 · Contract Svcs/Construction	0.00	114,053.00	114,053.00
Total 6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL	0.00	115,060.50	115,060.50
Total Expense	61,417.83	115,060.50	176,478.33
Net Ordinary Income	548,709.87	-4,469.87	544,240.00
Net Income	548,709.87	-4,469.87	544,240.00

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, GM/Executive Director
Date: October 26, 2017
Re: Salton Sea Authority support position for SWRCB Draft Order for Stipulate Agreement Amending the QSA
CM No. VIA – 10/26/2017

GENERAL:

The Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors, at its September 28, 2017 meeting, voted to support a Draft Stipulated Order Revising WRO 2002-0013 (revised) related to the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan. Comment on the Order for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board is due prior to the State Board hearing on this matter scheduled for November 7, 2017.

The Draft Stipulated Order was jointly negotiated between State Water Resources Control Board, Imperial Irrigation District, Imperial County, and San Diego County Water Authority and released in advance of a September 7, 2017 informational workshop focused upon the Draft Order and the Phase 1 projects of the SSMP (a.k.a., 10-Year Plan). This process was initiated by SSA member agencies (IID and Imperial County) by filing a petition to the SWRCB demanding demonstration of the proof of its commitment to address impacts at the Sea that may arise when flows of mitigation water to the Salton Sea will terminate at the end of this year.

While the SSA Board adopted a position of support toward this petition, the Authority also underscored the value of all parties working together to preserve the integrity of the water transfers agreed upon under the conditions of the QSA.

The SSA was not formally engaged in the negotiations of this Order and requested from the SWRCB the opportunity to reserve comment on the Order until after the SSA Board of Directors had opportunity to meet and discuss the matter in an open and transparent manner at the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the SSA Board (Sept. 28, 2017). After deliberation at this meeting, the SSA board voted to support the Order.



**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 17-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**

**IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT STIPULATED ORDER REVISING WRO 2002-0013 (Revised)
TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea region is an irreplaceable environmental resource for California – providing vital habitat sustaining over 400 resident and migratory avian species, which is even more important as California has lost over 90% of its other wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is an organization established in 1993 for the purposes of providing a local consensus for actions to revitalize the Salton Sea, with membership comprised of the Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside and Imperial Counties, and Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders including the state of California know that inaction at the Salton Sea poses imminent threats to California's environment, human health, large-scale agricultural food supply, water security, renewable energy production and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the natural resources surrounding the Imperial and Coachella Valleys including the Salton Sea provide unique wildlife and recreational resources and are tourism and economic drivers for all of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the agricultural lands in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys play a pivotal role in our nation's food security; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea region offers vast and unique renewable energy resources, estimated to eventually provide over 1,800 megawatts of continuously available geothermal energy plus other renewable generation opportunities to ensure California meets its clean energy goals; and

WHEREAS, the communities immediately surrounding the Salton Sea already suffer from some of the highest rates of air quality related illnesses in the nation; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the number one industry in the Coachella Valley with more than 15 million visitors each year and supports more than 46,000 (one in four) jobs and \$6.4 billion in total business sales; and generates \$952 million in tax revenues, including \$538 million in state and local revenues; and

WHEREAS, an impact study by Tourism Economics in 2015 on the potential impact of the Salton Sea reports that the continued degradation could cost the Coachella Valley region between \$1.3 billion and \$6.5 billion in lost tourism spending over a five-year period; and the resulting total economic loss would range from \$1.7 billion to \$8.6 billion, including indirect supply chain and induced income effects; and state and local taxes could experience up to a cumulative \$712 million loss; and

WHEREAS, the cost of doing nothing to improve the Salton Sea – estimated to exceed \$70 Billion in a 30 years span – is by far the most costly and irresponsible of all responses to the challenges at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), which authorized the nation's largest agricultural-to-urban water transfer, includes commitments made by the State of California to ensure that the impacts of the water transfer will be mitigated and, as articulated in Section 2940 of the Fish and Game Code, the fish and wildlife resources at the Salton Sea will be protected in the long-term; and

WHEREAS, mitigation water under the QSA will end in December 2017, at which point the Sea will start to dramatically recede, causing severe wildlife and air quality impacts unless immediate and sustained action is taken; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, is required to work with local stakeholders as articulated in Fish and Game Code, Article 2 of Section 2940 wherein the Natural Resources Agency shall lead Salton Sea restoration efforts in consultation and coordination with the Salton Sea Authority, and;

WHEREAS, the SSA has been directly involved in the development of plans that served as the foundation for the SSMP in accord with state law (AB 71 - M. Perez) directing the California Natural Resources Agency to “work in consultation and cooperation with the Salton Sea Authority” on matters pertaining to Salton Sea restoration; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. created the Salton Sea Task Force and directed agencies to develop a comprehensive management plan for the Sea that will meet a short-term goal to construct 9,000 to 12,000 acres and a medium-term goal to construct 18,000 acres to 25,000 acres of habitat and dust suppression projects; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, California’s Natural Resources Agency released a 10-Year Plan, which describes the first phase of the Salton Sea Management Program, detailing the number of acres of lakebed expected to face exposure each year from 2018 through 2028, the number of acres to be covered through proposed construction efforts, and the projected annual costs of the effort; and

WHEREAS, a petition to the SWRCB filed by IID and Imperial County, requested greater demonstration of state commitment to fulfill its contractual and legal obligations to the fulfillment of the terms of the QSA, most specifically the state’s immediate actions and commitments to accomplish the goals of the SSMP; and

WHEREAS, an ensuing productive negotiation between the state, IID, Imperial County, San Diego County Water Authority and other stakeholders involved in the Salton Sea resulted in a Draft Stipulated Order Revising WRO 2002-0013 (revised) to be considered by the California State Water Resources Control Board that will provide improved assurance and performance standards related to state commitment to fulfilling the QSA through the SSMP; and

WHEREAS, the current Draft Stipulated Order requests the SWRCB to assert guidance and authority over the implementation of the 10-Year Plan as a means to fulfil the state obligations under the QSA, and the Draft Stipulated Order provides empirical milestones and timelines designed to incrementally address the critical environmental and public health issues integral to managing the Sea as it is reconfigured to account for water loss and rising salinity.

WHEREAS, the Draft Stipulated Order is readily acknowledged by all parties to fall short of the ultimate expectation by Salton Sea Authority for state contribution to fulfill its obligations, the Order is at long last a credible and accountable start for a long journey toward recovery and the Draft Stipulated Order now under consideration by SWRCB marks a unique moment in the history of the Salton Sea in defining state commitments to honor its obligations for Salton Sea management under the water transfers established in the Quantitative Settlement Agreement (QSA); and

WHEREAS, the SSA Board in accord with its Guiding Principles desires to provide leadership in maintaining consensus and building momentum that begins to accomplish the Salton Sea Authority's objective of a Salton Sea that will be healthier for habitat and humans, and potentially more prosperous than the tragic situation that will occur if the state does not honor its commitments in the QSA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority supports the Draft Stipulated Order Revising WRO 2002-0013 (revised) to be considered by the California State Water Resources Control Board as an historic step toward achieving revitalization of the Salton Sea through implementation of the state SSMP 10-Year Plan for the Salton Sea.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2017.

G. Patrick O'Dowd
President

Staff Report

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phillip Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, SSA
Date: October 26, 2017
Re: Legislative Update
CM No. VII.B – 10/26/2017

Staff members from agencies of the Salton Sea Authority are coordinating a unified response to threats and opportunities in the legislative arena at both the state and federal levels.

SSA and its member agencies jointly engaged in the following activities to drive legislative and policy initiatives supported by the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors:

California Senate/Assembly Bill Summaries

SB-5 (De Leon) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Enrolled Sept. 16, 2017. Signed by the Governor on October 15th, 2017.

SB 5 would authorize the issuance of \$4 billion in State General Obligation bonds to finance parks, water, climate adaptation, coastal protection, and outdoor access programs. This bond would be placed on the June 5, 2018 statewide primary direct election.

The main funding categories for the bond are as follows: 1) safe neighborhood parks in park-poor communities; 2) local and regional parks; 3) state parks, with a focus on deferred maintenance in existing parks; 4) trails and waterfront access; 5) rural community recreational needs; 6) river parkways; 7) state conservancies and regions

not covered by conservancies; and 8) habitat needs, including wildlife corridors, climate change adaptation, and healthy soils and forests.

Of note for the SSA this bond would specifically grant \$30 million to the Salton Sea Authority. Of this amount, not less than \$10 million shall be available for purposes consistent with the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program.

This bond also grants \$170 million to the California Natural Resources Agency for restoration activities identified in the Salton Sea Management Program Phase 1: 10-Year Plan.

SB-701 (Hueso) State Resources Obligations Act of 2018

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Placed on APPR. suspense file. Held in committee and under submission on Sept. 1, 2017.

SB 701 would advance a state general obligation bond for the 2018 primary or general election ballot to fulfill the state's resources settlement obligations in a variety of conflicted areas throughout the state, including Salton Sea restoration and QSA implementation.

If the Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018 is approved by the voters that would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500 million pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a program to comply with specified state obligations relating to the Salton Sea.

SB-615 (Hueso) Salton Sea restoration

SSA Position: Recommend SUPPORT

Status: Enrolled Sept. 13, 2017. Signed by the Governor on October 15th, 2017.

SB 615 would specify that any barrier in the Salton Sea within or below the minus 220 foot contour based on the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 shall be considered a dam and would provide that the construction of facilities to separate fresh water from highly saline water for the purposes of implementing restoration activities pursuant to the act shall not be subject to review, approval, inspection, or fees associated with certain laws relating to dams and reservoirs.

This bill would also name the state's comprehensive management plan for the Salton Sea the "John J. Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Plan," and would recognize the State Water Resources Control Board's role in the restoration of the Salton Sea, and the Legislature further recognizes that timely implementation of a 10-year plan for a smaller but sustainable Salton Sea is best served and effectuated through the State Water Resources Control Board's continuing jurisdiction over this evolving subject matter and its attendant restoration efforts.

AB-18 (Garcia) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018.

SSA Position: SUPPORT

Status: Re-referred to Committee on APPR on September 1, 2017.

AB 18 would authorize the issuance of \$3.47 billion in State General Obligation bonds to finance parks, water, climate adaptation, coastal protection, and outdoor access programs. This bond would be placed on the June 5, 2018 statewide primary direct election.

The main funding categories for the bond are as follows: 1) safe neighborhood parks in park-poor communities; 2) local and regional parks; 3) state parks, with a focus on deferred maintenance in existing parks; 4) trails and waterfront access; 5) rural community recreational needs; 6) river parkways; 7) state conservancies and regions not covered by conservancies; and 8) habitat needs, including wildlife corridors, climate change adaptation, and healthy soils and forests.

Of note for the SSA this bond would specifically grant \$300 million to the Salton Sea Authority. Of this amount, not less than \$20 million shall be available for purposes consistent with the New River Water Quality, Public Health, and River Parkway Development Program. This funding provides the basis for the SSA Board of Directors to support AB 18.

The Senate bill version, SB-5 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 introduced by Senator De León of note grants \$30 million to the Salton Sea Authority and \$170 million to the California Natural Resources for California Natural Resources Agency for restoration activities identified in the Salton Sea Management Program Phase I: 10-Year Plan.

AB-920 (Aguiar-Curry) Electricity: integrated resource plans.

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Referred to APPR. suspense file. In committee: Held under submission on Sept. 1, 2017

AB 920 mandates that the CPUC, when reviewing each load-serving entity's integrated resource plan, to evaluate the mix of resources in the load-serving entity's total resource and renewable resource portfolios to ensure balanced portfolios with an appropriate mix of renewable capacity, including peaking, dispatchable, baseload, firm, and as-available capacity and would require the CPUC to assess the need for, and benefits of, existing and new renewable baseload generation and consider whether to establish procurement requirements for renewable baseload generation.

AB 920 would require the governing board, when reviewing the local publicly owned electric utility's integrated resource plan, to evaluate the mix of resources in the utility's total resource and renewable resource portfolios to ensure balanced portfolios with an appropriate mix of renewable capacity, including peaking, dispatchable, baseload, firm, and as-available capacity and would require the governing board to assess the need for, and benefits of, existing and new renewable baseload generation and consider whether to establish procurement requirements for renewable baseload generation for the utility. By placing additional requirements upon local publicly owned electric utilities, the bill would impose a state mandated local program.

Federal Bill Summaries

S-32 (Feinstein) - California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017

SSA Position: Support

Status: Introduced to the Senate on Jan. 5, 2017. Read twice and referred to the committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Jan. 5, 2017. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held on July 26, 2017.

Of note for the SSA the "disposition of revenues" section has remained the same as in S. 2568, the previous year's bill concerning this issue. The specifics that affect SSA and "of note" this only applies to the development of wind or solar energy land managed by the BLM are as follows:

- 25% of the payments go to counties involved.
- 35% of the payments go to “Renewable Energy Resource Conservation Fund” which is managed by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Areas that are eligible for such “funds” that are of note for the SSA are ones around wind or solar development areas that need restoring and protecting such as: wildlife habitat, wildlife corridors, and water resources.

With the “disposition of revenues” section in mind the SSA should support S-32 going forward.

Terminology Reference

Chaptered - After a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number, for example, “Chapter 123, Statutes of 1998,” which subsequently may be used to refer to the measure.

Held under submission - action taken by a committee when a bill is heard in committee and there is an indication that the author and the committee members want to work on or discuss the bill further, but there is no motion for the bill to progress out of committee. This does not preclude the bill from being set for another hearing.

Inactive file - The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dormant. An author may move a bill to the inactive file if he or she wishes to take it up at a later date. Once a bill is on the inactive file, one day’s public notice is needed to place it back on the agenda.

Suspense File - A bill or set of bills, with a fiscal impact, set aside in Appropriations committee by a majority of Members present and voting. These bills may be heard at a later hearing.