

Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration Building
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 398-2651



AGENDA: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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10:00 a.m.
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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

*Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction. **This time is reserved for matters not already on the Agenda. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Board. To gain permission to speak, fill out a Request-to-Speak form and turn it in to the Recording Secretary.***

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of June 2, 2016
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for May 2016
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2015 – 05/31/16
- D. SSA Final Fiscal Year Budget Transfer

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Outreach: Interagency Cooperation: Kiosk at North Shore Yacht Club
- B. Audubon Society (Andrea Jones, Director of Bird Conservation)

VI. REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report on Activities (Phil Rosentrater)
- B. Legislative Update (Phil Johnson)
- C. Standing Report
 - 1. FEDERAL: US Bureau of Reclamation Program Manager for Salton Sea (Val Simon)
 - 2. STATE: Assistant Secretary of Resources for Salton Sea (Bruce Wilcox)
- D. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (Juan DeLara)

VII. REORGANIZATION OF OFFICERS

- A. Election of President of Board
- B. Election of Vice-President of Board
- C. Election of Secretary of Board
- E. Election of Treasurer of Board

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

Thursday, September 22, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Imperial Irrigation District

Bill Condit Auditorium

1285 Broadway Avenue

El Centro, CA 92243

(760) 482-9618

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 2, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order by John J. Benoit, Chairman, at 10:02 a.m., June 2, 2016, at the Imperial Irrigation District, Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 760-482-9618.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Benoit led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

John J. Benoit, President
Ryan E. Kelley, Vice President*
Matt Dessert, Secretary*
G. Patrick O’Dowd, Treasurer
Marion Ashley, Director
James C. Hanks, Director
John Renison, Director
Thomas Tortez, Director

AGENCY

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

** Director Dessert arrived at 10:08 a.m., where noted in the text.*

** Director Kelley arrived at 10:12 a.m., where noted in the text, then left again by 10:32 a.m.*

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 ABSENT

Cástulo R. Estrada, Director
Frank Durgin, Director

AGENCY

Coachella Valley Water District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director/General Manager
Linda Seroy, Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Bob Hargreaves, Best Best & Krieger, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Suzie Earp
Brad Poiriez
Michael Sutton
Jeff Geraci
Juan Murillo
Tom Sephton
Robert Cheng
Jack Burke
Juan DeLara
Pat Cooper
Vickie Doyle
Andy Horne
Fredde Reyes
Kay Pricola
Kurt Schoppe
Dan Farris
Patrick Bourne
John Shumway
John Husing
Paul Quill

AGENCY

CSUSB - WRI
ICAPCD
Michael Baker International
CRWQCB R-7
CSUSB - WRI
Sephton Water Technology
CVWD
SSSRA – SDSU
SSAC, Federated
Supervisor Benoit
IID
County of Imperial
SA Recycling, LLC
IVVGA / COLAB
SA Recycling / Riverside County Res
CVWD
DPFG
Concord Group
Economics and Politics
SSAC

II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (none)

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (none)

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of April 28, 2016
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for April 2016
- C. Internal Financial Report for 7/01/2015 – 4/30/2016

*Director Renison **moved** that the Consent Calendar **be approved**. **Seconded** by Director O’Dowd. **Unanimously carried**.*

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Biennial Audits

After receiving the highest level of audit opinion possible in a recent audit, and noting that California Government Code allows Special Districts meeting certain requirements to implement biennial financial statement audits, Director Benoit asked Authority staff, at the April Board meeting, to look into whether biennial audits would be feasible for the Salton Sea Authority as a cost-saving measure.

Staff investigated and found that recently-awarded Federal grant funds are expected to move the Authority, for several years, outside the parameters in which biennial audits would be compatible with Federal grant money expenditures, making the effort unfeasible at this time.

The Board accepted Salton Sea Authority staff's recommendation to continue annual financial statement audits as is the current policy.

** Director Dessert arrived at 10:08.*

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VI. REPORTS

A. General Manager's Report on Activities

GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater had submitted a written report to the Board. He pointed out that, on the six-month to one-year goals, the Authority is completing its projects on time and under budget, and is on track with all.

B. Update from Contractor of FFAP Benchmark 5 – IFD

Patrick Bourne of the Development Planning and Financing Group, John Shumway of Concord Group, Dr. Husing of Economics and Politics were present to answer any questions the Board may have on the FFAP.

Mr. Bourne presented a detailed report of the results of the Financial Feasibility report that was completed and submitted on time to the State. They had held two industry forums – one in Riverside County, and one in Imperial County – to provide updates to the stakeholders and invite feedback. Lengthy discussion and Q&A followed the presentation.

C. Legislative Update

In Phil Johnson's absence, Mr. Rosentrater called the Board's attention to the written legislative report and highlighted a couple of items of interest.

D. Standing Report

1. FEDERAL:

Val Simon, Salton Sea Program Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), reported on the current and upcoming activities of the state's Salton Sea

Management Program Outreach committee, which she chairs, and on the funding distribution of the Bureau's FY 2016 dollars. The BOR's quarterly water quality sampling is to take place June 6, and a Department of Interior/State of California MOU is being drafted.

2. STATE:

Bruce Wilcox, the state of California's Assistant Secretary of Resources for Salton Sea, commented on the Department of Interior/State of California MOU. The internal draft should be ready to view in mid-June, but the final draft may not be ready to sign until September.

The state is reviewing where the Audubon habitat should be placed in order to benefit air quality mitigation.

Public outreach meetings will be in three phases: general (phase 1), mid-term (phase 2) in July and August, and long range (phase 3) due December 31. The schedule of public workshop dates, times, and locations can be found on the Natural Resource Agency's Salton Sea website <http://resources.ca.gov/salton-sea/>.

E. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC)

Juan DeLara reported on the activities of the Salton Sea Action Committee, and Paul Quill encouraged all not to let the Benchmark 5 information sit on the shelf but to take action and utilize it.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board President Benoit adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

The regularly-scheduled meeting will be held

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Warrant Register
May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
05/03/2016	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	2,200.00
05/09/2016	EFT	FedEx	105.53
05/09/2016	EFT	American Express	166.00
05/17/2016	16085	Alliant Consulting Inc	2,770.00
05/17/2016	16091	Sampson, GJ Acct - 214	720.00
05/17/2016	16086	Best, Best & Krieger	1,539.90
05/17/2016	16087	OfficeTeam	2,587.30
05/17/2016	16088	Riverside County	20,000.00
05/17/2016	16089	Sampson, GJ Acct	6,020.50
05/17/2016	16090	Sampson, GJ Acct - 215	3,960.00
05/17/2016	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	2,700.00
05/18/2016	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	16.25
05/19/2016	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,900.00
05/23/2016	EFT	Pitney Bowes	117.98
05/23/2016	EFT	Verizon Wireless	188.21
05/25/2016	16092	Johnson, Phillip	105.90
05/25/2016	16093	RivCo EDA	11,044.97
05/25/2016	16094	Rosentrater, Phil	212.13
05/25/2016	16095	Seroy, Linda	120.14
05/25/2016	EFT	FedEx	21.88
05/31/2016	EFT	Rabobank	15.00

Total \$ 56,511.69

Salton Sea Authority
Balance Sheet by Fund

As of May 31, 2016

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
0001010 - Cash - Checking	196,631.50	-119,319.68	-68,888.90	0.00	8,422.92
0001011 - Cash - Money Market	178,785.13	10,712.04	0.00	20,991.43	210,488.60
0001012 - Cash - RivCo Fund	21,303.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,303.88
0001015 - Cash - Petty Cash	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	396,920.51	-108,607.64	-68,888.90	20,991.43	240,415.40
Accounts Receivable					
0001210 - Accounts Receivable	610,000.00	67,670.21	717,044.89	0.00	1,394,715.10
Total Accounts Receivable	610,000.00	67,670.21	717,044.89	0.00	1,394,715.10
Total Current Assets	1,006,920.51	-40,937.43	648,155.99	20,991.43	1,635,130.50
TOTAL ASSETS	1,006,920.51	-40,937.43	648,155.99	20,991.43	1,635,130.50
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
0002010 - Accounts Payable	15,414.86	138,499.84	645,207.01	0.00	799,121.71
Total Accounts Payable	15,414.86	138,499.84	645,207.01	0.00	799,121.71
Credit Cards					
0002015 - Credit Card Payable	2,453.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,453.27
0002016 - Credit Card Payable AE	3,163.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,163.03
Total Credit Cards	5,616.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,616.30
Other Current Liabilities					
0002820 - Deferred Revenue	610,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	677,670.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	610,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	677,670.21
Total Current Liabilities	631,031.16	206,170.05	645,207.01	0.00	1,482,408.22
Total Liabilities	631,031.16	206,170.05	645,207.01	0.00	1,482,408.22
Equity					
0003009 - Fund Balance	170,121.79	-128,056.19	-219,932.28	20,991.43	-156,875.25
Net Income	205,767.56	-119,051.29	222,881.26	0.00	309,597.53
Total Equity	375,889.35	-247,107.48	2,948.98	20,991.43	152,722.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,006,920.51	-40,937.43	648,155.99	20,991.43	1,635,130.50

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
 July 2015 through May 2016

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	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	0.00	1,147,425.20	1,147,425.20
0004710 - Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	656.80	0.00	0.00	656.80
Total Income	610,656.80	0.00	1,147,425.20	1,758,082.00
Expense				
1020000 - SSA ADMINISTRATION				
1025010 - Salaries				
Salaries - GM	34,261.04	0.00	0.00	34,261.04
Salaries - RivCo EDA	43,861.35	0.00	0.00	43,861.35
Salaries - Admin Support A	30,414.57	0.00	0.00	30,414.57
Total 1025010 - Salaries	108,536.96	0.00	0.00	108,536.96
1025500 - Employee Benefits				
Employee Benefits - RivCo EDA	13,846.93	0.00	0.00	13,846.93
Employee Benefits - SSA	22,344.54	0.00	0.00	22,344.54
Total 1025500 - Employee Benefits	36,191.47	0.00	0.00	36,191.47
1026050 - Contract Svc/Professional				
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup B	3,330.63	0.00	0.00	3,330.63
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup C	38,137.50	0.00	0.00	38,137.50
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup D	9,545.42	0.00	0.00	9,545.42
Contract Svc/Prof - Audit	9,225.00	0.00	0.00	9,225.00
Contract Svc/Prof - Finance	42,285.50	0.00	0.00	42,285.50
Total 1026050 - Contract Svc/Professional	102,524.05	0.00	0.00	102,524.05
1026010 - Contract Svc/Attorney				
Contract Svcs/Attorney - Genera	18,909.98	0.00	0.00	18,909.98
Total 1026010 - Contract Svc/Attorney	18,909.98	0.00	0.00	18,909.98
1026090 - Contract Svc/Technical	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
1026095 - Contract Svc/Equipment Maint	5,232.90	0.00	0.00	5,232.90
1028551 - Capital Equipment <\$5,000	9,131.34	0.00	0.00	9,131.34
1026096 - Contract Svc/Equipment Lease	262.46	0.00	0.00	262.46
1026120 - Insurance	9,255.56	0.00	0.00	9,255.56
1027030 - Office Exp/Operating Supplies	4,243.30	0.00	0.00	4,243.30
1027035 - Office Exp/Online Services	1,729.27	0.00	0.00	1,729.27
1026450 - Postage, Mail	868.85	0.00	0.00	868.85
1026470 - Printing Services	152.47	0.00	0.00	152.47
1026439 - Dues, Subscriptions	8,643.53	0.00	0.00	8,643.53
1026350 - Communications	5,958.94	0.00	0.00	5,958.94
1026370 - Travel/Meetings	60,853.99	0.00	0.00	60,853.99
1026060 - Contract Svcs/WRI,Archive Mgmt	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00
Total 1020000 - SSA ADMINISTRATION	403,495.07	0.00	0.00	403,495.07

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
 July 2015 through May 2016

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	TOTAL
6020000 - WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION				
6025010 - Salaries	1,117.37	0.00	0.00	1,117.37
6025500 - Employee Benefits	276.80	0.00	0.00	276.80
6026010 - Contract Svcs/Attorney	0.00	809.60	0.00	809.60
6026013 - Contract Svcs/Accountant	0.00	7,785.00	0.00	7,785.00
Total 6020000 - WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION	1,394.17	8,594.60	0.00	9,988.77
6040000 - WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL				
6046070 - Contract Svcs/LCP	0.00	2,770.00	0.00	2,770.00
6046020 - Contract Svcs/AMEC - update	0.00	18,845.03	0.00	18,845.03
6046025 - Contract Svcs - AMEC/NSYC	0.00	3,412.50	0.00	3,412.50
6046040 - Contract Svcs/Design	0.00	85,429.16	0.00	85,429.16
Total 6040000 - WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL	0.00	110,456.69	0.00	110,456.69
6050000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN				
6055010 - Salaries				
Salaries - Admin Support 215	0.00	0.00	7,736.75	7,736.75
Salaries - GM 215	0.00	0.00	62,570.97	62,570.97
Total 6055010 - Salaries	0.00	0.00	70,307.72	70,307.72
6055500 - Employee Benefits	0.00	0.00	16,303.58	16,303.58
6056010 - Contract Svcs/Attorney	0.00	0.00	20,619.00	20,619.00
6056011 - Contract Svcs/J Schlange	0.00	0.00	962.50	962.50
6056013 - Contract Svcs/Accountant	0.00	0.00	13,005.00	13,005.00
Total 6050000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN	0.00	0.00	121,197.80	121,197.80
6060000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL				
6066016 - Contract Svcs/TetraTech \$1.7	0.00	0.00	803,346.14	803,346.14
Total 6060000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL	0.00	0.00	803,346.14	803,346.14
Total Expense	404,889.24	119,051.29	924,543.94	1,448,484.47
Net Ordinary Income	205,767.56	-119,051.29	222,881.26	309,597.53
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	205,767.56	-119,051.29	222,881.26	309,597.53

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Gloria Sampson, Contract Accountant
Date: June 30, 2016
Re: **FY2015-2016 General Fund Budget Transfers for Board Approval**
CM No. **IV.D – 6-30-2016**

General

Once again the Salton Sea Authority’s expenses have come in under budget for the fiscal year. In addition, the Authority received approximately \$50,000 from the Feasibility Study grant that was originally targeted for the previous fiscal year, thereby making full use of the administrative budget allocated within that grant.

The Authority successfully secured the services of an exceptionally talented Assistant Executive Director on interim part-time basis during the last quarter of FY2015-2016. Staff expected this addition to occur in FY2016-2017, for which budget has been approved, however, a highly qualified candidate was identified and placed ahead of schedule in order to accelerate response capabilities at SSA in light of the quickening pace of progress in a wide variety of activities. Budget transfer from available items is requested to cover that expenditure.

Often one or more budget items slightly exceed the anticipated expenditures. Such is the case for FY2015-2016. The following budget transfers are requested to remedy these minor variations:

<u>Transfer From:</u>		<u>Transfer To:</u>	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,000	General Manager Salary	\$ 2,000
Computer Maintenance	\$ 1,650	Communications	\$ 1,650
Printing	\$ 2,450	Travel/Conferences	\$ 2,450
Finance/Accounting	\$ 700	Administrative Support-D	\$ 700
Finance/Accounting	\$ 225	Finance/Audit	\$ 225
Finance/Compliance	\$ 2,200	Executive Support	\$10,200
Fringe Benefits	<u>\$ 8,000</u>		
Total	\$17,225	Total	<u>\$17,225</u>

Staff Recommendations

The Salton Sea Authority staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors receive and approve the final Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund budget transfers.

Respectfully,
Gloria Sampson
Contract Accountant

Staff Report

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, SSA
Date: June 30, 2016
Re: **Legislative Update**
CM No. VI.D – 6/30/16

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:

Assembly Bill Summaries

AB 2444 (Garcia) - California Parks, Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2016.

SSA Position: Recommendation to Support

Status: Introduced on Feb 19th, 2016. Referred to Com. on W., P., & W on March 17th, 2016. Re-referred to Com. on APPR on April 27th, 2016. Read third time, Urgency clause adopted, Passed Assembly. Ordered to the Senate on June 23rd, 2016.

AB 2444 would authorize the issuance of \$3.120 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 November 8th, 2016 statewide ballot.

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 \$25 million to the Salton Sea Authority, along with the possibility of other pockets of funding from the bond in mind the SSA staff recommendation is to support AB 2444.

AB 1095 (Garcia) - Proposition 1 appropriation: Salton Sea

SSA Position: Support

Status: Passed Assembly unopposed on June 2nd. Ordered to Senate, 1st read through with Comm. on Rules. As of Oct. 9th this bill was approved by the Governor, and has been chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 722, Statutes of 2015.

AB 1095 was signed into law last year, and directs the Natural Resources Agency to submit to the Legislature a list of shovel-ready Salton Sea restoration projects, including information regarding project costs and project completion timelines no later than March 31st, 2016. The Natural Resources Agency has submitted this report to the Legislature for review.

Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed state budget sets aside \$80.5 for the Salton Sea projects from the Proposition 1 state water bond. This funding allocation will be passed along with the budget as soon as the Governor signs off on the legislature's budget.

The SSA Authority and its member agencies are also working on pursuing additional funding from the Proposition 1 pool of \$475 million.

The SSA will continue to work with the author and Resources Agency staff to enact the intent of AB 1095 to spur appropriation of state funding required to avert disaster at the Salton Sea, and to serve as a down payment on state contractual obligations related to the regional water transfer (QSA) brokered by the state.

AB 2304 (Levine) - California Water Market Clearinghouse

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced on Feb 18th, 2016. Referred to Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife on March 3rd, 2016. Re-referred to

Com. on Appropriations on April 13th, 2016. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended on May 11th, 2016. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing cancelled at the request of author on May 25th, 2016.

AB 2304 would establish a California Water Market exchange, governed by a 5 member board, in the Natural Resources Agency.

This bill would also require that the market exchange before Dec. 31st, 2018 create a centralized water market platform on the internet that provides information about water that is available for transfer or exchange. This bill would also require that as of Jan 1st, 2020 any transfers or exchanges would be required to submit certain information/data and payment of an administrative fee to the market exchange. Lastly this bill would require the market exchange to develop specified procedures in consultation with local, state, and federal agencies.

The Salton Sea Authority will continue to watch this bill and any revisions made to the bill as it progresses through the assembly.

AB 1755 (Dodd) - The Open and Transparent Water Data Act

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced on Feb 2nd, 2016. Referred to Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife on Feb. 18th, 2016. Amended per recommendation of Committee Chair, and then re-referred to Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife on March 2nd, 2016. Amended a second time per recommendation of Committee Chair, and then re-referred to Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife on April 6th, 2016. Currently in committee and the hearing is postponed as of April 7th, 2016. Passed by Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife, and then re-referred to Committee on Appropriations on April 20th, 2016. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended on May 11th, 2016. From committee: Do pass. Read second time, ordered to third reading on May 27th, 2016. Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate on May 31st. In Senate, read first time, to Com. on RLS. for assignment on June 1st, 2016. Referred to Com. on N.R. & W, From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W on June 13th.

AB 1755 would enact the Open and Transparent Water Data Act. The act would require the Department of Water Resources by Jan 1st, 2018 to create and manage a statewide water information system, and an online water transfer information to report on water transactions.

This act would also require DWR, the state board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop protocols for data sharing, documentation, quality control, public access, and promotion of open source platforms related to water data. The act would also require that a recipient of state funds for research or projects relating to the improvement of water data shall adhere to those protocols or be ineligible for state funding.

Lastly, the act would create the Water Data Administration Fund. The act would then specify that moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation, to DWR for the improvement of water data and the act itself.

The Salton Sea Authority will continue to watch this bill and any revisions made to the bill as it has passed the Assembly and now progresses through the Senate.

AB 2700 (Brown) - Electrical corporation: California Renewables Portfolio

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced on Feb 19th, 2016. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Commerce, and the Committee on Natural Resource on Mar. 17th, 2016. Amended per recommendation of Committee Chair, and then re-referred to Committee on Utilities and Commerce, on March 28th, 2016. Passed by Committee on Utilities and Commerce, and then re-referred to Committee on Natural Resources on April 6th, 2016. Passed by Committee on Natural Resources, and then re-referred to Committee on Appropriations on April 19th, 2016. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Read second time and amended on May 11th, 2016. Passed by committee, ordered to consent calendar on May 18th, 2016. Read third time, passed, and ordered to the Senate. In Senate, read first time. Sent to Com. on RLS. for assignment on May 27th, 2016. Referred to Com. on Energy, Utilities and Communications. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing cancelled at the request of author on June 13th, 2016.

AB 2700 would amend PUC rules governing the state Renewable Portfolio Standard in order to include job production as criteria for meeting investment guidelines.

Specifically, the bill would require the Commission to update the RPS criteria by July 2017 in a manner that takes into account jobs retained associated with contracting for existing eligible renewable energy resources. The bill would also require the commission to identify the value of maintaining existing base load resources to achieve the goal of a balanced portfolio of eligible renewable energy resources.

Because the SSA board-adopted legislative Platform calls for support of policies that create a level playing field for more competitive procurement of renewable energy from baseload sources, the SSA staff recommends to watch AB 2700 as it progresses.

AB 1587 (Mathis) - Groundwater

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced on Jan. 6th, 2016. Referred to Com. on Water, Parks, & Wildlife on Feb. 1st, 2016. Amended and re-referred to Com. on W., P. & W on Feb 25th, 2016. Amended a second time and re-referred to Com. on W., P. & W on Mar. 16th, 2016. From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR, and then amended a third time on April 14th, 2016. In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file on April 27th, 2016. In committee: Held under submission, May 27th, 2016.

AB 1587 is bill that is centered on Proposition 1, and specifically the bond acts allocation of \$900,000,000 that is to be available upon appropriation for competitive grants for projects that prevent or clean up the contamination of groundwater that serves or has served as drinking water. The bond authorizes the use of \$100,000,000 of those fund to be allocated for competitive grants for projects that develop and implement groundwater planning requirements.

This bill would require *special consideration be given to those projects that would create groundwater recharge basins in areas of fallow farmland*. This would appropriate \$50,000,000 from the proceeds of the bond act for the purpose of that competitive grant program.

The Salton Sea Authority will continue to watch this bill and any revisions made to the bill as it progresses through the assembly.

SB 1416 (Stone) - Salton Sea restoration

SSA Position: Staff recommends SUPPORT

Status: Introduced on Feb 19th, 2016. Referred to Committee on Rules on March 10th, 2016. Read second time and amended, Re-referred to Com. on Rules on March 28th, 2016. Re-referred to Committee on Governance. & Finance on March 31st, 2016. Set for committee hearing on April 20th, 2016. Passed as amended by Committee on Governance. & Finance, and then re-referred to Committee on Appropriations on April 20th, 2016. May 9th, 2016 hearing from committee: Do pass. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) Read second time. Ordered to third reading on May 10th, 2016. Read third time and amended, ordered to second reading on May 23rd, 2016. Read second time, ordered to third reading on May 24th, 2016. Read third time. Passed, ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly, read first time, and held at desk on May 27th, 2016. Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX on June 6th, 2016. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX on June 15th, 2016. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar, Re-referred to Com. on APPR on June 22nd, 2016.

SB 1416 would create a Revive the Salton Sea Fund allowing voluntary designation of personal income tax refunds to be deposited in the Revive the Salton Sea Fund. This bill would prohibit a voluntary contribution designation for the Revive the Salton Sea Fund from being added on the tax return until another voluntary contribution designation is removed or a space is available. Contributions will be allocated to the Natural Resources Agency for distributions of competitive grants to provide funds or supplement funding of the state, county and local agencies, nonprofit, and projects identified as necessary for the restoration and maintenance of the Salton Sea and to develop a mechanism to provide ongoing public awareness, as specified.

The contributions to the fund shall be used for the following items. (1) Programs to create statewide public awareness and grassroots support for the restoration of the Salton Sea. (2) Programs to engage the public through promotion and education about the Salton Sea. (3) Current and future projects identified as necessary for restoration and maintenance of the Salton Sea, including projects identified by the Salton Sea Authority.

The Revive the Salton Sea Fund is run by the Salton Sea Action Committee, and they have been instrumental in developing and pushing this legislation forward.

Federal Bill Summaries

S. 2012 (Murkowski) - North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016

SSA Position: Watch

Status: Introduced to Senate on Sept. 9th, 2015. Currently on the Senate Floor voting upon amendments as of Feb 4th, 2016. Passed the Senate as of April 20th. Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 744 Reported to House. The resolution provides for consideration of S. 2012 and H.R. 5233 on May 24th, 2016. Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill and House requests a conference May 26th, 2016. The House had named their conferees for the joint committee however the Senate has not, as talks have stalled as of June 20th, 2016.

The relevance of adding S. 2012 on to the SSA legislative report is that S. 1407 (Heller) Supported by the SSA, has been added to this bill via amendment. S. 1407 has been added by way of amendment 3286 to amendment 2953. Amendment 2953 was passed by the Senate; however our “revenue sharing provision” in S.1407 in which we supported the bill did not make the cut.

The SSA should continue to watch and send out letters of support for the addition of the “revenue sharing provision” to S.2012 as the Senate and House try to compromise between S.2012 and its House counterpart H.R. 8. As the final “energy bill” may hold value to the SSA.

S. 2568 (Feinstein) - California Desert Conservation, Off-Road Recreation, and Renewable Energy Act

SSA Position: Support

Status: Introduced to the Senate on Feb. 23rd, 2016, referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The main reason behind the revision of S.414 into S. 2568 was President Obama's decision to create three national monuments in the Mojave Desert under the Antiquities Act; however that act did not allow many other valuable provisions that were in the original legislation of S. 414.

Of note for the SSA the "disposition of revenues" section has remained the same as in S. 414. 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 Sec. 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 are in need of 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. 2568 going forward.

S. 2848 (Inhofe) - Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

SSA Position: Staff recommends SUPPORT

Status: Introduced to the Senate on April 25th, 2016. Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably on April 28th, 2016. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders, Calendar No. 523 on June 20th, 2016.

This is a bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

Of note for the SSA Section 4011 would modify the WRDA 2007 authorization of Salton Sea Restoration Pilot Projects by striking the term "pilot" and adding "Salton Sea Authority or other non-federal interest" as potential parties for implementation agreements.

The recommendation is to support S. 2848 due to the bill specifically designating the SSA as a preferred partner for the funding agreements to be established with the Army

Corps as well as the appropriations of \$30 million for Salton Sea projects from WRDA 2007.

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.

Urgency Clause - Language in a bill which states the bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A vote on the urgency must precede a vote on the bill. A 2/3 vote is required for passage.

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Robert Hargreaves, General Counsel
Date: June 30, 2016
Re: Reorganization of Salton Sea Authority Officers
CM No. VII – 6-30-2016

The Salton Sea Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Bylaws Section 3.3 states, “The Authority shall elect by a majority vote of the Board of Directors its officers at its first meeting and at its first meeting after the beginning of the fiscal year thereafter, and at such other times as there may be a vacancy in any office.”

While the SSA operates on a July 1–June 30 fiscal year, the reorganization of officers has been generally inconsistent. In the earlier years, there were few reorganizations; the board generally opted to maintain the same officers for multiple year terms. There have been more reorganizations recently, though the timing has varied.

In the prior cycle, the officers who served in 2013 were the same ones who served in the cycle starting in 2012 because the SSA board decided to simply maintain course with the officers that were currently seated.

The current roster of SSA officers was not fully seated until January of 2015. A partial slate was approved, as noted earlier, in October 2014. The Treasurer position was held briefly by a SSA Director who stepped down in December 2014 to allow a newly elected board member from his agency to assume his appointment. Because only four Directors were present for the December 2014 SSA board meeting, those present deemed it appropriate to wait until January to ratify the full roster of officers.

Given that the next board meeting will not occur until September 22, 2016, and the current slate of officers has already served for more than a year, staff recommends that the board select new officers at the June 30, 2016 meeting, to commence serving on July 1, 2016, the beginning of the new fiscal year.