

# Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

(Note revised date)

Thursday, February 19, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Coachella Valley Water District  
Steve Robbins Administration Building  
75515 Hovley Lane East  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
760.398.2651

Salton Sea Authority

**AGENDA:** **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DATE:** **Thursday, February 19, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**LOCATION:** **Coachella Valley Water District**  
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**Palm Desert, CA 92260**  
**(760) 398-2651**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD ATTENDEES BY TELECONFERENCE** *(None)*

**II. 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.*

**III. 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.*

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive, and File** *(see attached)*

- A. Minutes for: January 22, 2015
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for: 1/1/2015 – 1/31/2015
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 7/1/2014 – 1/31/2015

**V. REPORTS**

- A. General Manager's Report on Activities (Roger Shintaku)
  - 1. Desert Cahuilla Wetlands Project Torres Martinez (Roger Shintaku)
  - 2. Geotube Proposal
- B. Legislative Update Report (Phil Rosentrater)
- C. Update on Activities: Funding and Feasibility Action Plan Report (Roger Shintaku and Tetra Tech)
- D. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (Juan DeLara/Paul Quill)

- E. Legal Counsel Report (Bob Hargreaves)
  - 1. Draft letter of support for 50% RPS for discussion.
  - 2. Salton Sea Authority's letter of support for Imperial Irrigation District's petition *(see attached)*
  - 3. Discussion regarding Imperial Irrigation District's petition

**VI. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Administrative Budget Mid-Year Review *(see attached)*
- B. Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Administrative Budget Transfers for Board's Approval *(see attached)*

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Establish Board Committees

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Public Employee Review
  - 1. Title: General Manager

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:**

Thursday, March 26, 2015  
10:00 a.m.  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Bill Condit Auditorium  
1285 Broadway Avenue  
El Centro, CA 92243  
(760) 482-9618

*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 in the lobby at the front desk of the Work Force Development center located at 44-199 Monroe Street, Indio, CA 92201.*

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 22, 2015**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by Ryan E. Kelley, Vice President, at 10:06 a.m., January 22, 2015, at the Imperial Irrigation District, Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 482-9618.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Dessert led the pledge of allegiance.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Ryan E. Kelley, Vice President  
Matt Dessert, Secretary  
G. Patrick O'Dowd, Treasurer  
Frank Durgin, Director  
Cástulo R. Estrada, Director  
James C. Hanks, Director  
John Renison, Director  
Thomas Torte, Director

**AGENCY**

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT**

John J. Benoit, President  
Marion Ashley, Director

**AGENCY**

Riverside County  
Riverside County

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT**  
**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

None

**AGENCY**

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT**

Roger Shintaku, General Manager  
Bob Hargreaves, Legal Counsel  
J. Andrew Schlange, Consultant  
Linda Seroy, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Robert Cheng  
Val Simon  
Chris Schoneman  
Vivien Maisonneuve  
Nathan White  
Jacqueline Lopez  
Bianka Velez  
Darren Sim  
Lesley Dobalian  
Darlene Coombes  
Armando Medrano  
Kent Nelson  
Tracy Torte  
Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter  
Pat Cooper  
Dan Farris  
Phil Rosentrater  
Paul Quill  
Vickie Doyle  
Juan DeLara  
Alan Pace  
Eusebio Arballo  
Steve Benson  
Tim Bradley  
Bruce Wilcox  
Richard McKay

**AGENCY**

Coachella Valley Water District  
Reclamation  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of Water Resources  
AGESS, Inc.  
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia  
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia  
SDCWA  
SDCWA  
Cabazon Band Mission Indians  
Public  
Department of Water Resources  
  
Congressman Juan Vargas  
Supervisor Benoit  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Riverside County EDA  
Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC)  
Imperial Irrigation District  
SSAC/Fed. Ins./Travertine Point  
Petra/ Salton Sea Action Committee  
San Diego Gas & Electric  
IID/Benson Farms  
UC Irvine  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Solar Power & Water

**CALL-IN PARTICIPANTS**

Vic Nguyen  
Ian James

**AGENCY**

Colorado River Board  
The Desert Sun

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A. Bruce Wilcox, of Imperial Irrigation District (IID), announced the passing of Kim Nichol, of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, earlier in the week. Kim had, for a very long time, been involved with the Salton Sea. It was she who formed the committee that was called “the Salton Sea Bunch,” from whom many of the ideas now in play originated. She was a friend to many and will be greatly missed.
- B. Richard McKay, Solar Power & Water said that they have a Salton Sea Ocean Flush plan to provide a fish-friendly, saline lake, using a process that would both clean the water and produce power, in effect paying for itself.
- C. Tim Bradley, Director of UC Irvine’s Salton Sea Initiative, a consortium of faculty and students at UCI that are very interested in the issues related to the Salton Sea, expressed their hope that they can provide technical expertise where needed and involve their students in a study of the work that is being done there. They have already begun work with several people in the room. Director Kelley extended the Authority’s welcome.

- D. Nathan White, AGESS, Inc. (Algae Generating Enclosures at the Salton Sea) thanked members at Salton Sea Authority, IID, and Torres Martinez tribe for assisting them with some activities and told of new partnership and new areas of evaluation.

### III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Frank Durgin, newly elected Council Member of Torres Martinez Tribe, was introduced.

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of December 18, 2014

*Director O'Dowd pointed out that, in item II of the minutes, which Director was replacing whom on the Board was reversed: Director O'Dowd replaced Director DeKlotz; Director Estrada replaced Director Nelson.*

- B. Warrant Register Ratification for November 25, 2014 – December 31, 2014

- C. Internal Financial Report for July 1, 2014 – January 12, 2015

*Director Hanks moved that the Consent Calendar be approved with the correction to the minutes. Seconded by Director Renison. Carried unanimously.*

### V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mr. Bruce Wilcox of IID, one of the team that works on the water transfer mitigation for the QSA transfers, presented a draft of IID's "Air Quality Mitigation Program for the Imperial Irrigation District Water Conservation and Transfer Project."

Bruce discussed current and future data collection methods and how that data will be used to help them in their mitigation efforts, promising pilot projects, partnerships. They have several pilot projects in place, and new ones on the horizon, for potential control measures – including some that were used at Owens Lake.

### VI. REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report on Activities (Roger Shintaku)

1. Mr. Shintaku reported that hard copies and electronic copies of studies done by the Authority are now compiled at the Water Research Institute (WRI) library at the California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) Palm Desert campus. He is working with WRI to make this collection and future documents part of the California State University library system, making these materials available to the public in perpetuity

SSA is also working on the Financial Assistance Package (FAP) Torres Martinez wetlands construction project, which has been split it into two projects. The main wetlands portion will continue to be pursued and constructed on the Torres Martinez tribe property. The second portion, which involved the geotube construction of a pond, will now be relocated to the North Shore Yacht Club.

Financial Feasibility Action Plan: Benchmark 3 summarized the historical for restoring the Salton Sea. Benchmark 4 addresses the practicability of that as a result of costs and current day technologies.

Planning: Working toward long-term funding projects for Salton Sea Restoration and Mitigation effort.

B. Update on Activities: Funding and Feasibility Action Plan Report

Bill Brownlie of Tetra Tech reported on part of Benchmark 4. The Work Plan that they're following is posted on the Authority's website. All interim documents are living documents may be updated any time. Benchmark 3 is at about 95%

Some technical engineering and geotechnical data for the Species Conservation Habitat is not yet available to the general public, so it would be good if the State could find a way to make that available – it would be helpful when looking at the barriers.

C. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (Juan DeLara/Paul Quill)

Juan DeLara – February 2 is the start date to move equipment to work on boat ramp. They are continuing to work on a next date for a community meeting – to be held at North Shore.

Paul Quill spoke on IFD – The SSAC is working on an abstract of scope of services to accomplish Benchmark 5 – hoping to be the consultant on it. They are also very excited about the SSA-WRI repository at CSUSB and hope to get involved in getting funding for it.

D. Update on State Activities (Kent Nelson)

Kent Nelson, Department of Water Resources (DWR) from Sacramento, is the program manager for the DWR's Salton Sea Restoration Program. Kent clarified the administrative roles of the various departments and agencies in State activities at the Salton Sea at this point: Prop 1 passed. The funding cycle looks promising for Salton Sea activities through the State of California.

E. Legislative Update Report and 2015-2016 Legislative Platform Approval (Phil Rosentrater)

Phil Rosentrater asked for ratification of the draft Legislative Platform he presented at previous meetings. – has Federal and State components. He reviewed the various sources of funds that are lying idle and available that we intend to pursue. We have projects lined up to submit for funding based on readiness to start the project: from ready-to-go, to ready soon, to later projects.

Ryan Kelley – Imperial County – governors announcement of raising RPS to 50% - sent ltr to governor asking governor to recognize the disparity between the renewables addressed in the RPS – 1139 – bring it to their attention as they're drafting it - asked that the Authority get something out that this is something that needs to be addressed - base load power – disparity between geothermal being left out - needs to be addressed – call it to their attention right now while they're drafting something. Roger said this is something they could do – he'd need to contact members' staff for technical assistance – RK offered to share ImpCo's letter. Do they need to wait until February re: letter Board authorized – Roger and others to discuss in Sacramento next week, follow up with hard copy letter.

***Director Renison moved to ratify the draft Legislative Platform; seconded by Director Dessert. Unanimously carried.***

*Mr. Rosentrater thanked his colleagues for their assistance.*

**VII. CURRENT BUSINESS**

- A. Reschedule February Board Meeting due to scheduling conflicts for many participants.

*Director Renison moved that the February Board meeting be moved from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>; unanimously carried.*

- B. Discussion item for Salton Sea Authority to take a formal position of support for IID petition and possibly add Salton Sea Authority to formal petition document. Director Kelley deferred to Director Hanks to open the discussion. Director Hanks reviewed the content and intent of the petition.

Director Dessert asked Antonio Ortega to share what kind of support is being shown on the elected side at the State and Federal level. Various support letters have been received; no letters were received in opposition.

Director O'Dowd acknowledged that encouraging the state to follow through on their commitments is important, and expressed CVWD's concerns.

The matter was discussed at length, with each party clearly stating their stance and the reason for it.

Director Hanks moved that Salton Sea Authority support the petition, and provide a letter of support of the IID petition to the State Water Resources Board. Director Renison seconded.

Director Hanks called for a roll call vote:

Those in favor: Directors Renison, Hanks, Dessert, Kelley, Durgin, and Tortez.

Those opposed: Directors O'Dowd and Estrada.

As a separate issue, Director Hanks asked Counsel why add the Authority to the petition when they are called out as a stakeholder? Bob Hargreaves did not know, so Director Hanks asked him to look into it and bring this part back to the next meeting.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Selection of Salton Sea Authority Treasurer and approve proposed Resolution No. 15-01, entitled, "Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority Designating Officials Authorized to Sign Warrants and Checks, Transfer Funds, and Access Safe Deposit Box"

*Director Renison moved that Resolution No. 15-01, which included naming Director O'Dowd as Treasurer, be approved. Seconded by Director Hanks. Unanimously carried.*

**IX. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**X. INFORMATION OF INTEREST**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Vice President Ryan E. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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**Warrant Register**  
**January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015**

*Salton Sea Authority*

<b>Warrant Date</b>	<b>Warrant Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
01/06/15	EFT	FedEx	\$ 19.88
01/08/15	15579	Desert Publications Inc	1,815.65
01/08/15	15580	Perez, Juan Murillo	455.00
01/08/15	15581	Riverside County	65,000.00
01/08/15	15582	Sampson, Gloria J Accounting	4,063.00
01/08/15	15583	Schlange, J Andrew	6,037.50
01/08/15	15584	Southwest Networks	23.75
01/08/15	15585	Best, Best & Krieger	560.00
01/08/15	15586	Sampson, Gloria J Accounting 215	585.00
01/08/15	15587	AMEC	7,698.96
01/08/15	15588	Sampson, Gloria J Accounting 214	765.00
01/09/15	EFT	Verizon California	232.89
01/20/15	15589	Best, Best & Krieger	4,410.52
01/20/15	15590	Perez, Juan Murillo	624.00
01/20/15	15591	Tetra Tech 215	255,594.32
01/21/15	EFT	Verizon Wireless	194.06
01/28/15	EFT	FedEx	90.34
<b>Total \$</b>			<b>348,169.87</b>

**Salton Sea Authority**  
**Balance Sheet by Fund**  
As of January 31, 2015

3:55 PM  
02/04/15  
Accrual Basis

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
0001010 - Cash - Checking	56,845.43	-43,410.86	-10,632.70	0.00	2,801.87
0001011 - Cash - Money Market	332,387.25	47,569.19	0.00	20,991.43	400,947.87
0001012 - Cash - RivCo Fund	82,644.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	82,644.64
0001015 - Cash - Petty Cash	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	472,077.32	4,158.33	-10,632.70	20,991.43	486,594.38
Accounts Receivable					
0001210 - Accounts Receivable	15,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	82,670.21
Total Accounts Receivable	15,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	82,670.21
Other Current Assets					
0001330 - Travel Advances	69.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.70
Total Other Current Assets	69.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.70
Total Current Assets	487,147.02	71,828.54	-10,632.70	20,991.43	569,334.29
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>487,147.02</b>	<b>71,828.54</b>	<b>-10,632.70</b>	<b>20,991.43</b>	<b>569,334.29</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
0002010 - Accounts Payable	15,091.96	85,453.18	4,015.60	0.00	104,560.74
Total Accounts Payable	15,091.96	85,453.18	4,015.60	0.00	104,560.74
Total Current Liabilities	15,091.96	85,453.18	4,015.60	0.00	104,560.74
Total Liabilities	15,091.96	85,453.18	4,015.60	0.00	104,560.74
Equity					
0003009 - Fund Balance	113,043.14	-74,163.67	0.00	20,991.43	59,870.90
Net Income	359,011.92	60,539.03	-14,648.30	0.00	404,902.65
Total Equity	472,055.06	-13,624.64	-14,648.30	20,991.43	464,773.55
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>487,147.02</b>	<b>71,828.54</b>	<b>-10,632.70</b>	<b>20,991.43</b>	<b>569,334.29</b>

## Salton Sea Authority Revenue & Expenditure by Fund July 2014 through January 2015

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
0004660 · State of California Grants	0.00	67,670.21	278,789.00	346,459.21
0004662 · Local Gov/Member Assessments	615,000.00	0.00	0.00	615,000.00
0004710 · Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	595.68	0.00	0.00	595.68
<b>Total Income</b>	615,595.68	67,670.21	278,789.00	962,054.89
<b>Expense</b>				
1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION				
1025010 · Salaries				
Salaries - GM	46,270.10	0.00	0.00	46,270.10
Salaries - Admin Support	16,813.22	0.00	416.99	17,230.21
<b>Total 1025010 · Salaries</b>	63,083.32	0.00	416.99	63,500.31
1025500 · Employee Benefits	27,170.16	0.00	98.67	27,268.83
1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney				
Contract Svc/Attorney - Genera	10,677.42	0.00	0.00	10,677.42
Contract Svc/Attorney - Legis	2,252.60	0.00	0.00	2,252.60
1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney - Other	488.40	0.00	0.00	488.40
<b>Total 1026010 · Contract Svc/Attorney</b>	13,418.42	0.00	0.00	13,418.42
1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional				
Contract Svc/Prof - Finance	27,810.50	0.00	0.00	27,810.50
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup B	14,030.55	0.00	0.00	14,030.55
<b>Total 1026050 · Contract Svc/Professional</b>	41,841.05	0.00	0.00	41,841.05
1026060 · Contract Svc/WRI,Archive Mgmt	6,255.00	0.00	0.00	6,255.00
1026090 · Contract Svc/Technical	39,150.00	0.00	0.00	39,150.00
1026095 · Contract Svc/Equipment Maint	4,257.50	0.00	0.00	4,257.50
1026096 · Contract Svc/Equipment Lease	174.98	0.00	0.00	174.98
1026120 · Insurance	9,621.22	0.00	0.00	9,621.22
1026350 · Communications	2,153.29	0.00	0.00	2,153.29
1026370 · Travel/Meetings	9,392.10	0.00	0.00	9,392.10
1026410 · Mileage Reimbursement	267.68	0.00	0.00	267.68
1026439 · Publications, Subscrip. Dues	3,442.66	0.00	0.00	3,442.66
1026450 · Postage, Mail	530.53	0.00	0.00	530.53
1026470 · Printing Services	3,321.93	0.00	0.00	3,321.93
1027030 · Office Exp/Operating Supplies	1,319.89	0.00	0.00	1,319.89
1027035 · Office Exp/Online Services	1,393.06	0.00	0.00	1,393.06
1028551 · Capital Equipment <\$5,000	6,566.04	0.00	0.00	6,566.04
<b>Total 1020000 · SSA ADMINISTRATION</b>	233,358.83	0.00	515.66	233,874.49
1030000 · COMMUNITY & PUBLIC OUTREACH				
1036010 · Attorney Services	1,380.00	0.00	0.00	1,380.00
1036054 · Government Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 1030000 · COMMUNITY &amp; PUBLIC OUTREACH</b>	1,380.00	0.00	0.00	1,380.00

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	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	TOTAL
<b>6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION</b>				
6025010 · Salaries	5,059.72	0.00	0.00	5,059.72
6025500 · Employee Benefits	1,270.94	0.00	0.00	1,270.94
6026010 · Contract Svcs/Attorney	2,288.80	0.00	0.00	2,288.80
6026011 · Contract Svcs/J Schlange	656.25	0.00	0.00	656.25
6026013 · Contract Svcs/Accountant	8,752.50	0.00	0.00	8,752.50
6026370 · Travel/Meetings	2,334.13	0.00	0.00	2,334.13
<b>Total 6020000 · WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>20,362.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>20,362.34</b>
<b>6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL</b>				
6046015 · Contract Svcs/AMEC - Permitting	0.00	971.50	0.00	971.50
6046040 · Contract Svcs/Design	966.59	6,159.68	0.00	7,126.27
<b>Total 6040000 · WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL</b>	<b>966.59</b>	<b>7,131.18</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,097.77</b>
<b>6050000 · FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN</b>				
6055010 · Salaries	0.00	0.00	166.48	166.48
Salaries - Admin Support 215	0.00	0.00	7,437.31	7,437.31
Salaries - GM 215				
<b>Total 6055010 · Salaries</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,603.79</b>	<b>7,603.79</b>
6055500 · Employee Benefits	0.00	0.00	1,809.18	1,809.18
6056010 · Contract Svcs/Attorney	0.00	0.00	3,900.60	3,900.60
6056011 · Contract Svcs/J Schlange	0.00	0.00	656.25	656.25
6056013 · Contract Svcs/Accountant	0.00	0.00	3,825.00	3,825.00
<b>Total 6056000 · FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17,794.82</b>	<b>17,794.82</b>
<b>6060000 · FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL</b>				
6066016 · Contract Svcs/Tetra Tech \$1.7	0.00	0.00	275,126.82	275,126.82
<b>Total 6060000 · FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>275,126.82</b>	<b>275,126.82</b>
<b>6070000 · INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE DISTRICT</b>				
6076010 · Contract Services/Attorney	516.00	0.00	0.00	516.00
<b>Total 6070000 · INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE DISTRICT</b>	<b>516.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>516.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>256,583.76</b>	<b>7,131.18</b>	<b>293,437.30</b>	<b>557,152.24</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>359,011.92</b>	<b>60,539.03</b>	<b>-14,648.30</b>	<b>404,902.65</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>359,011.92</b>	<b>60,539.03</b>	<b>-14,648.30</b>	<b>404,902.65</b>

February 5, 2015

The Honorable Felicia Marcus  
Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Imperial Irrigation District Petition

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

The Salton Sea Authority is writing to extend its support for the Imperial Irrigation District's petition requesting your board to convene key stakeholders and prioritize Salton Sea restoration efforts.

The Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers authority composed of Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial County, Imperial Irrigation District, Riverside County, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. The Authority has been at the forefront of Salton Sea restoration efforts for more than two decades. It is currently co-lead with the Natural Resource Agency in a Salton Sea Funding and Feasibility Study intended to provide a comprehensive factual basis for restoration planning.

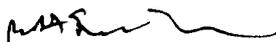
The Salton Sea is our state's largest lake and one of its most significant natural and environmental resources. It supports a diverse wildlife habitat for over 400 species of birds and serves as a critical link on the 5,000 mile international Pacific Flyway. The Sea is also home to the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge and the Salton Sea State Recreation Area, both serving as recreational destinations and attracting thousands of visitors annually. Renewable energy development and real estate development around an appropriately-restored Sea will be crucial economic development drivers for the region.

As you know, mitigation water currently delivered to the Salton Sea under the Quantification Settlement Agreement will stop in 2017. This will result in further decline of current water levels and exposure of thousands of acres of likely emissive lakebed. It is crucial that all stakeholders begin immediately to plan and implement mitigation and restoration plans so that human health, economic development, and important ecological values are not further compromised.

The Salton Sea Authority is committed to providing leadership in mitigation and restoration planning and strongly urges the State Water Resources Control Board to act quickly to convene a stakeholder process that includes the Salton Sea Authority.

We look forward to your board's involvement in this important matter and we thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Roger Shintaku  
General Manager, Salton Sea Authority

cc: Steve Benson, Imperial Irrigation District

# Commission Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Roger Shintaku, General Manager  
**Date:** February 19, 2015  
**Re:** Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Administrative Budget Mid-Year Review  
**CM No.** VI.A – 2-19-15

## GENERAL

The Salton Sea Authority Staff has completed the mid-year review of the Administrative 2014/2015 Salton Sea Authority Budget.

Findings of that review are:

1. Revenue
  - Counties of Riverside and Imperial, and Imperial Irrigation and Coachella Valley Water Districts, have submitted their annual contributions to the Authority.
  - Torres Martinez Contribution of \$10,000.00, matching their previous Fiscal Year 2013/2014 contribution, is pending.
  - Carryover funds from the 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget were greater than anticipated by \$40,000.
  - Other planned revenues are in line with the level of activity of the respective programs.
2. Office Staff and Office Expense
  - Overall expenditures are currently under budget; however, various items need to be reallocated.
3. Professional Services
  - Professional services costs are below budget.
4. Other Commitments
  - Infrastructure Finance District -- During Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget discussions, the Board approved commitment of \$40,000 to an Infrastructure Finance District, subject to matching provisions from other sources. To date those conditions have not been met. If activity occurs within this fiscal year, a budget appropriation will be requested at that time.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors receive and file the Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Report

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Shintaku  
General Manager

Attachment: Annual 2014-2015 Budget and Expenditures to  
January 15, 2015

Salton Sea Authority - Mid Year Budget Review FY 2014-2015

	FY 2014/2015	Jan. 15, 2015
	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget Spent</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Riverside County	\$150,000.00	Paid
Imperial County	\$150,000.00	Paid
Coachella valley Water District	\$150,000.00	Paid
Imperial Irrigation Water District	\$150,000.00	Paid
Torres Martinez	\$15,000.00	Open
Finance & Funding Feasibility Review	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Torres Martinez Wetlands (FAP)	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Geo Tube	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carry over Funds - Prior Year Budget	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve Contingencies Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Species Conservation Habitat	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$780,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expense General Office Staff</b>		
General Manager	\$125,000.00	\$64,690.00
Administrative Support - A	\$40,000.00	\$21,076.00
Fringe Benefits	\$70,000.00	\$30,973.00
<b>Total Staff Support</b>	<b>\$235,000.00</b>	<b>\$116,739.00</b>
<b>General Office Expenses</b>		
Computer Network Maintenance	\$15,000.00	\$4,163.00
Equipment Purchase	\$10,000.00	\$6,566.00
Equipment Lease	\$3,000.00	\$175.00
Insurance	\$15,000.00	\$9,621.00
Office Expense/Office Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$966.00
Office Expense/Online Services	\$1,000.00	\$1,394.00
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$440.00
Printing	\$7,000.00	\$3,213.00
Dues Subscriptions & Publications	\$3,000.00	\$3,393.00
Telephone & Internet	\$5,000.00	\$1,706.00
Travel/Mileage Reimbursement	\$25,000.00	\$155.00
Travel, Conference Fees - Other	\$40,000.00	\$9,521.00
Website Maintenance	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Misc. Reserve	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$167,000.00</b>	<b>\$41,313.00</b>

Salton Sea Authority - Mid Year Budget Review FY 2014-2015

	FY 2014/2015	Jan. 15, 2015
	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget Spent</u>
<b><u>Professional Services</u></b>		
Administrative Support - B	\$50,000.00	\$6,013.00
Administrative Support - C	\$0.00	\$0.00
Administrative Support - D	\$0.00	\$9,999.00
Audit	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Financial Support	\$42,000.00	\$35,470.00
Legal	\$50,000.00	\$26,992.00
Tetra Tech Support	\$20,000.00	\$967.00
Tech Support J. Andrew Schlang	\$60,000.00	\$34,925.00
Tech Support Planning	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Tech Support Other	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Legislative Government Relations	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>\$327,000.00</b>	<b>\$114,366.00</b>
<b><u>Other Commitments</u></b>		
Water Resource Institute	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Space	\$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure Finance District	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve a)	\$51,000.00	\$0.00
b)		
<b>Total Other Commitments</b>	<b>\$51,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$780,000.00</b>	<b>\$272,418.00</b>

## Commission Memorandum

**To:** Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors  
**From:** Roger Shintaku, General Manager  
**Date:** February 19, 2015  
**Re:** Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Administrative Budget Transfers for Board Approval  
**CM No.** VI.B - 2-19-15

**GENERAL**

During the mid-year review of FY 2014-2015 Salton Sea Authority Budget, the Salton Sea Authority Staff determined that various budget line items needed to be reallocated. Submitted herein are Staff's recommended budget transfers.

**Proposed Budget Transfers**

(1) **Equipment Purchases**

<u>Funding From</u>		<u>Funding To</u>	
Equipment Lease	\$ 1,500	Equipment Purchase	\$ 8,500
Computer Network Maintenance	\$ 2,000		
Office Expense/ Office Supplies	\$ 5,000		
	<u>\$ 8,500</u>		<u>\$ 8,500</u>

(2) **Miscellaneous and Office Expense**

<u>Funding From</u>		<u>Funding To</u>	
Miscellaneous Reserves/Office	\$ 19,000	Revenue item correction	\$ 5,000
Professional Services Reserve	\$ 18,000	Administrative Support - C	\$ 18,000
Technical Support/Other	\$ 28,000	Administrative Support - D	\$ 10,000
		Financial Support	\$ 28,000
		Office Expense/Online Svc	\$ 2,000
		Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 2,000
	<u>\$ 65,000</u>		<u>\$ 65,000</u>

(3) **Water Resources Institute**

<u>Funding From</u>		<u>Funding To</u>	
Audit	\$ 2,000	Water Resources Institute	\$ 22,000
Technical Support/Planning	\$ 12,000		
Professional Services Reserve	\$ 8,000		
	<u>\$ 22,000</u>		<u>\$ 22,000</u>

(4) **General Manager's Salary**

The General Manager's contract and salary are now scheduled for Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors review and consideration. That review and consideration may require an additional budget transfer.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommends that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors approve the proposed budget transfers as submitted hereinabove.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Shintaku  
General Manager

Attachment: Annual 2014-2015 Budget with Proposed Budget Transfers

Salton Sea Authority Proposed Budget Transfers - Mid Year FY 2014-2015

	FY 2014/2015	Proposed	Revised	Jan. 15, 2015
	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget Spent</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Riverside County	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00	Paid
Imperial County	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00	Paid
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Finance & Funding Feasibility Review	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00	\$0.00
Torres Martinez Wetlands (FAP)	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00	\$0.00
Geo Tube	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Carry over Funds - Prior Year Budget	\$20,000.00		\$60,000.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve Contingencies Fund	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Species Conservation Habitat	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$780,000.00</b>	<b>(\$5,000.00)</b>	<b>\$815,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Expense General Office Staff</b>				
General Manager	\$125,000.00		\$125,000.00	\$64,690.00
Administrative Support - A	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00	\$21,076.00
Fringe Benefits	\$70,000.00		\$70,000.00	\$30,973.00
<b>Total Staff Support</b>	<b>\$235,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$235,000.00</b>	<b>\$116,739.00</b>
<b>General Office Expenses</b>				
Computer Network Maintenance	\$15,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	\$13,000.00	\$4,163.00
Equipment Purchase	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$6,566.00
Equipment Lease	\$3,000.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$1,500.00	\$175.00
Insurance	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$9,621.00
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Travel, Conference Fees - Other	\$40,000.00		\$40,000.00	\$9,521.00
Website Maintenance	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Utilities	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Misc. Reserve	\$20,000.00	(\$19,000.00)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Office Expense</b>	<b>\$167,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$152,000.00</b>	<b>\$41,313.00</b>

Salton Sea Authority Proposed Budget Transfers - Mid Year FY 2014-2015

	FY 2014/2015	Proposed	Revised	Jan. 15, 2015
	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget Spent</u>
<b>Professional Services</b>				
Administrative Support - B	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00	\$6,013.00
Administrative Support - C	\$0.00	\$18,000.00 2	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Administrative Support - D	\$0.00	\$10,000.00 2	\$10,000.00	\$9,999.00
Audit	\$15,000.00	(\$2,000.00) 3	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Financial Support	\$42,000.00	\$28,000.00 2	\$70,000.00	\$35,470.00
Legal	\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00	\$26,992.00
Tetra Tech Support	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$967.00
Tech Support J. Andrew Schlang	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00	\$34,925.00
Tech Support Planning	\$25,000.00	(\$12,000.00) 3	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
Tech Support Other	\$50,000.00	(\$28,000.00) 2	\$22,000.00	\$0.00
Legislative Government Relations	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>\$327,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$341,000.00</b>	<b>\$114,366.00</b>
<b>Other Commitments</b>				
Water Resource Institute	\$0.00	\$22,000.00 3	\$22,000.00	\$0.00
Office Space	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure Finance District	\$0.00	Approved via separate budget FY 2014-2015		\$0.00
Reserve a)	\$51,000.00	(\$8,000.00) 3	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
b)		(\$18,000.00) 2		
<b>Total Other Commitments</b>	<b>\$51,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$47,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$780,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$775,000.00</b>	<b>\$272,418.00</b>