

Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2015
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
DATE: Thursday, October 22, 2015
10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Coachella Valley Water District
Steve Robbins Administration Building
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260
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I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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 – Receive, Approve, and File

- A. Minutes of September 24, 2015 (*see attached*)
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for:
 - 1. July-August 2015 (revised) (*see attached*)
 - 2. September 2015 (*see attached*)
- C. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2015 – 9/30/2015 (*see attached*)
- D. Receive and File FFAP Benchmark 6

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve SSA Resolution No. 15-04 Labor Compliance – Proposition 84 Grant Compliance (*see attached*)
- B. Approve SSA MOU for office lease at Riverside County Law Center (*see attached*)

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. State Natural Resources Agency role in developing Salton Sea Management Concept
- B. Reorganization of Officers

VII. REPORTS

- A. General Manager's Report (Phil Rosentrater) (*see attached*)
- B. Update on Activities: Funding and Feasibility Action Plan Report (Bill Brownlie, Tetra Tech)
- C. Update from Contractor on FFAP Benchmark 5 - IFD
- D. Legislative Update (Phil Rosentrater)
- E. Little Hoover Commission – Draft Response to LHC Staff Report (*see attached*)
- F. 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)
- G. Salton Sea License Plate
- H. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (Juan DeLara)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

Thursday, December 10, 2015
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
September 24, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was called to order by President John J. Benoit at 10:05 a.m., September 24, 2015, at the Imperial Irrigation District Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 482-9618.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ryan Kelley led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Benoit, President
Ryan E. Kelley, Vice President
Matt Dessert, Secretary
G. Patrick O’Dowd, Treasurer
Marion Ashley, Director
Cástulo R. Estrada, 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
Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District
Imperial County
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

* *Director Tortez arrived at 10:40 a.m., as noted in the text.*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Durgin, Director

AGENCY

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.

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY STAFF PRESENT

Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director
Linda Seroy, Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Gloria Sampson, Accountant Consultant
Bob Hargreaves, Legal Counsel
Bill Brownlie, Consultant

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

AGENCY

Bruce Willis	California Natural Resource Agency
Antonio Ortega	Imperial Irrigation District
Juan Zarate	Imperial Resident
Chuck Tobin	Burrtec Waste
Dan Farris	Coachella Valley Water District
Brad Poiriez	Imperial County APCD
Rod Colwell	Controlled Thermal Resources
Kelly Claas	California State Parks
Tom Sephton	Sephton Water Technologies
Joanna Hoff	Imperial Irrigation District
Katie Turner	County of Imperial
Rebecca Terrazas-Baxter	Congressman Juan Vargas
Karen Riesz	Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Juan M. DeLara	SSAC/Federated
Chris Watt	IVH2O
Melanie Cox	Salton Sea Action Committee
Thomas Cox	Guest
Linda Beal	Salton Sea History Museum
Ben Beal	Volunteer, SS History Museum
Jack Crayon	Calif. Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
John Scott	Metropolitan Water District of So. Cal.
Jessica Lovecchio	Imperial Irrigation District
Andy Vossler	Salton Sea Action Committee
Val Simon	Bureau of Reclamation
John Husing	Economics & Politics, Inc.
Vickie Doyle	Imperial Irrigation District
Brian Nestande	Riverside County
Bill Brownlie	Tetra Tech
Pat Cooper	Supervisor John J. Benoit
Rob Thompson	Dudek

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Linda Beal (SSHM) – expressed her desire to have the Salton Sea History Museum (SSHM) reopened at the North Shore Yacht Club.

- B. Ben Beal (volunteer at SSHM, and Linda Beal's 95-year-old father) – encouraged those present to sign up to purchase the Salton Sea license plate to support preservation of the Salton Sea.
- C. Rod Colwell (Controlled Thermal Resources) reported on how rapidly the waters are receding in the shallower areas of the Sea, and how shallow the waters are near Red Hill Bay. Mr. Colwell shared likely price structure of geothermal-generated power at Director Dessert's request.
- D. Kerry Morrison (Director, Ecomedia Compass and the Save Our Sea Campaign) expressed support for the directors who had gone to see the Coyote Canal, announced a few upcoming events, and congratulated Mr. Wilcox on his new position. Director Dessert added comments of encouragement and support.

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Director Benoit opened the comments noting that there were many changes during the last year and expressing his pleasure at having Phil Rosentrater at the helm.

At Director Benoit's invitation, Mr. Rosentrater reported on the North Shore Yacht Club, now under the management of the Desert Recreation Center. He noted that one of the efforts nearing completion is installation of an interactive information center kiosk in the lobby covering a variety of topics.

Director Benoit congratulated Bruce Wilcox on his appointment as Assistant Secretary, Salton Sea Policy, with California's Natural Resource Agency, noted that Mr. Wilcox was giving up his title as Salton Sea Authority's Deputy General Manager to do so, and invited Mr. Wilcox to comment on his first week as an employee of the state.

Mr. Wilcox will be moving to the Bermuda Dunes office of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. He reported that the State seems anxious to move forward with restoration or management at the Salton Sea, and are very interested in the plans developed by Imperial County and IID and the Salton Sea Authority, especially in using a blend of those plans as a baseline in developing a program.

Director Benoit accepted Mr. Wilcox's report as the report that was to be given on the State under agenda item G.

- B. Director Renison commented that the option of bringing water to the Salton Sea from the Sea of Cortez is still important those in his area. He reported that, whether this body or any other body does anything, the Cocopah (Cucapa) tribe has endorsed bringing Sea of Cortez water to Laguna Salada and doing a desalination plant for Mexicali, and they are going to go through with that plan. There is an existing drain that would make this option cost much less than one would imagine.
- C. Director O'Dowd expressed excitement about Bruce Wilcox's appointment by the State, and Val Simon's appointment at the Federal level.

- D. Director Ryan Kelley thanked the Executive Director and President for accommodating his request for change to agenda item V.A presentation of the two plans.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes for June 18, 2015
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for 6/01/2015 through 6/30/2015
- C. Warrant Register Ratification for: 7/01/2015 through 8/31/2015
- D. Internal Financial Report for: 7/01/2015 through 7/31/2015
- E. Approval of Signature Stamp Policy (see attached)
- F. Approval of Revised Budget: FY 2015-16 (see attached)

Director Benoit asked that item G be removed from the consent calendar, asked if there were any other removals, then called for a motion on the remaining items.

*Director Renison **moved** that items A through F be received, approved, and filed. **Seconded** by Director Ashley. **Unanimously carried.***

- G. Approval of SSA Standing Agenda Items: Federal and State Reports
- 1. FEDERAL: US Bureau of Reclamation Program Manager for Salton Sea (Val Simon)

Val Simon was invited to speak. She said that her appointment as Bureau of Reclamation's Program Manager for Salton Sea will not change her activities and associations and partnership with those present. She will now be locally based. She reported that the Bureau's purpose is to support the Salton Sea Authority and all the other stakeholders locally and at the state level in unity of purpose to focus on seeing what they can do to help get the projects on the ground going, as well as to work together on a permanent solution to the Salton Sea.
 - 2. STATE: Assistant Secretary of Resources for Salton Sea (Bruce Wilcox)

Bruce Wilcox gave his report earlier, under item III.A (Board member comments).

** Director Thomas Torte arrived at 10:40 a.m.*

Executive Director Rosentrater clarified that the purpose of agenda item G was for the Board to approve the permanent change to the agenda of adding the State and Federal reports as standing agenda items.

There being no objection, Chairman Benoit so ordered.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Presentation for discussion only: Salton Sea Preferred Plan: Presentation of SSREI with SSWIFT

In a change to the agenda, as requested by Director Kelley and granted by general consent without opposition, the two plans were presented for information and discussion in order to be able to direct staff how to proceed, not to decide today on a recommendation to the State.

1. Antonio Ortega, Government Affairs and Communications for Imperial Irrigation District (IID), followed by Jessica Lovecchio of IID, who worked closely with the steering committee for the SSRREI framework document, made a presentation about the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative (SSREI)*. Mr. Ortega said that the framework document is available upon request, on CD, and is about 275 pages. A summary of that document, with broader recommendations and goals, was made available to the public at this Board meeting.

*A copy of the draft white paper was included in the posted 9/24/15 agenda packet.

Ms. Lovecchio discussed design concepts and how they came up with the layouts involved in their document.

Mr. Ortega also reported on identified funding sources.

Director Kelley pointed out that the full framework document has more detail than the white paper, such as a raceway or shore stabilization piece similar to what the SSWIFT plan shows (on page 119 of the framework document, he believes).

2. After opening remarks by Director Benoit, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Projects Committee, on the origins and progress of the Salton Sea Water Incremental Funding and Time (SSWIFT) plan, Bill Brownlie, of Tetra Tech, made a presentation regarding the SSWIFT plan.

Mr. Brownlie reported that there was coordination with the IID and the Initiative program. The Ad Hoc Projects Committee was to focus on ways to create a larger lake and to stabilize the shoreline, and IID's Initiative team was focused on the renewable energy and habitat components. The two groups have worked in parallel. Mr. Brownlie said the next step would be to get together and see how the two systems would blend together better.

Mr. Rosentrater, invited by the Chairman to speak, added that there is much more in common between the two plans than separates them. They work pretty well together.

Lengthy discussion followed, with many good points made.

Tom Sephton of Brawley was invited to make his public comment. He acknowledged good points of the plans and expressed concerns about them as they currently exist. He, as well as Director Hanks, questioned the use of the term “emergency” irrigation.

Chairman Benoit acknowledged Kerry Morrison for a public comment. He expressed approval of IID and SSA working together, expressed concerns about gaps in the plans as currently presented.

Bill Brownlie clarified that “emergency” purposes meant that the water would be available for use by IID and the County for dust control when their other water sources were insufficient. He also reminded that the SSWIFT plan is to work together with the more detailed plan that the County and IID are developing and is not meant to be comprehensive.

Chairman Benoit wrapped up the discussion and asked for any additional comments or motion.

Director Kelley said he would like the Authority and the SSREI development team to bring these two plans together to have all these elements presented as one piece. He fully supported direction to staff to get together with Dudek consultants and the IID group, to bring the two plans together, and bring it back next month.

There being consensus among the Board members, Staff were so instructed.

B. Approve Vendor and Award of Contract for EIFD – Infrastructure Financing Feasibility Analysis

Mr. Rosentrater introduced this item as part of the established work plan for the Financial Feasibility Action Plan that the Salton Sea Authority is contracted with the State. A request for proposal went out, there were three respondents. Bill Brownlie introduced John Husing, representing the team selected told about each member of the team, what they bring to the table, and what their focus will be. Their goal is action.

JJB clarification. Not letting Sacramento off the hook, and don’t want to drag this out – want to get it done. This is for O&M (operations and management) – the EIFD is for future funding; State funds are needed immediately.

Director Benoit moved for approval of the recommendation to award this contract. Seconded by Director Kelley. Unanimously carried.

Bill Brownlie pointed out that we have \$225,000 provided by the State for this, and the Salton Sea Action Committee has committed another \$100,000 of funding.

VI. REPORTS

A. General Manager’s Report on Activities

Mr. Rosentrater referred the Board to his written report in the agenda packet, and expressed his approval of the leadership being displayed during the meeting.

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

Bill Brownlie of Tetra Tech reported that he had received and incorporated comments from CVWD and San Diego Water Authority on Benchmark 2. The revised document is posted on the Salton Sea Authority's website.

C. Legislative Update

Antonio Ortega referred the Board to his written report in the agenda packet, and asked that the Board allow staff to submit a letter of support to the Governor on AB 1095 from Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia. Director Benoit asked Mr. Wilcox if there were any issues in doing so. Upon Mr. Wilcox's recommendation to proceed, and *there being no opposition or concerns from the Board, Director Benoit authorized the letter of support be prepared and forwarded.*

D. Little Hoover Commission 8-27-15 Business Meeting Report

Bruce Wilcox reported on the August 27 meeting of the Little Hoover Commission, which he attended.

E. Salton Sea Action Committee (SSAC) (Juan DeLara)

Director Benoit expressed thanks for SSAC's work putting together a team and submittal for the IFD. Mr. DeLara thanked the review team and the Salton Sea Action Committee' committee for their hard work putting together the team.

In the interest of time, Mr. DeLara postponed his report until next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion by Director Kelley and unanimous consent, Chairman John J. Benoit adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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Warrant Register
July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
07/01/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,000.00
07/06/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,300.00
07/09/2015	EFT	Verizon California (inet)	113.52
07/11/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	346.41
07/12/2015	EFT	FedEx	56.06
07/13/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,500.00
07/23/2015	EFT	Verizon Wireless	595.24
07/27/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,800.00
07/27/2015	EFT	FedEx	20.70
08/05/2015	15711	ACWA	560.00
08/05/2015	15712	Best, Best & Krieger	2,542.85
08/05/2015	15713	RivCo EDA	21,334.45
08/05/2015	15714	Rosentrater, Phil	29.50
08/05/2015	15715	Sampson, GJ Acct	8,791.11
08/05/2015	15716	Schlange, J Andrew	3,000.00
08/05/2015	15717	Shintaku, Roger	1,665.97
08/05/2015	15718	Southwest Networks	727.50
08/05/2015	15719	WRI - CSUSB	11,949.00
08/05/2015	15720	Sampson, GJ Acct - 215	1,260.00
08/05/2015	15721	Schlange, J Andrew - 215	962.50
08/24/2015	16001	Best, Best & Krieger	1,363.04
08/24/2015	16002	OfficeMax	249.62
08/24/2015	16003	Petty Cash	128.94
08/24/2015	16004	RivCo HR	111.00
08/24/2015	16005	Rosentrater, Phil	1,093.68
08/24/2015	16006	Southwest Networks	8,521.47
Total \$			71,022.56

Warrant Register
September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015



Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
09/02/2015	16007	Riverside County	70,000.00
09/02/2015	16008	Sampson, GJ Acct	8,563.00
09/02/2015	16009	Southwest Networks	53.89
09/02/2015	16010	Sampson, GJ Acct - 214	360.00
09/02/2015	16011	Sampson, GJ Acct - 215	1,080.00
09/08/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,370.50
09/21/2015	EFT	Verizon Wireless	159.89
09/22/2015	EFT	Pitney Bowes	58.99
09/22/2015	EFT	FedEx	32.29
09/23/2015	16012	Alliant Insurance Service	9,265.77
09/23/2015	16013	Best, Best & Krieger	1,812.36
09/23/2015	16014	RivCo EDA	3,327.07
09/23/2015	16015	Southwest Networks	1,983.75
09/23/2015	16016	Best, Best & Krieger	2,838.00
09/23/2015	16017	Tetra Tech - 215	189,049.10
09/23/2015	EFT	Rabobank Credit Card	1,400.00
09/28/2015	EFT	Pitney Bowes	87.49
Total \$			291,442.10

Salton Sea Authority Balance Sheet by Fund

As of September 30, 2015

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	702 Fish Clean Up Trust	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
0001010 - Cash - Checking	99,436.33	-52,550.23	-35,720.86	0.00	11,165.24
0001011 - Cash - Money Market	203,249.81	10,712.04	0.00	20,991.43	234,953.28
0001012 - Cash - RivCo Fund	19,134.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,134.18
0001015 - Cash - Petty Cash	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Total Checking/Savings	322,020.32	-41,838.19	-35,720.86	20,991.43	265,452.70
Accounts Receivable					
0001210 - Accounts Receivable	310,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	377,670.21
Total Accounts Receivable	310,000.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	377,670.21
Total Current Assets	632,020.32	25,832.02	-35,720.86	20,991.43	643,122.91
TOTAL ASSETS	632,020.32	25,832.02	-35,720.86	20,991.43	643,122.91
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable					
0002010 - Accounts Payable	58,617.81	25,085.39	10,139.40	0.00	93,842.60
Total Accounts Payable	58,617.81	25,085.39	10,139.40	0.00	93,842.60
Credit Cards					
0002015 - Credit Card Payable	1,463.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,463.86
Total Credit Cards	1,463.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,463.86
Other Current Liabilities					
0002820 - Deferred Revenue	0.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	67,670.21
Total Other Current Liabilities	0.00	67,670.21	0.00	0.00	67,670.21
Total Current Liabilities	60,081.67	92,755.60	10,139.40	0.00	162,976.67
Total Liabilities	60,081.67	92,755.60	10,139.40	0.00	162,976.67
Equity					
0003009 - Fund Balance	104,595.98	-61,707.53	-30,418.78	20,991.43	33,461.10
Net Income	467,342.67	-5,216.05	-15,441.48	0.00	446,685.14
Total Equity	571,938.65	-66,923.58	-45,860.26	20,991.43	480,146.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	632,020.32	25,832.02	-35,720.86	20,991.43	643,122.91

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
 July through September 2015

	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	219,467.56	219,467.56
0004710 - Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	163.60	0.00	0.00	163.60
Total Income	610,163.60	0.00	219,467.56	829,631.16
Expense				
1020000 - SSA ADMINISTRATION				
1025010 - Salaries				
Salaries - GM	34,361.15	0.00	0.00	34,361.15
Salaries - RivCo EDA	16,533.01	0.00	0.00	16,533.01
Salaries - Admin Support A	8,744.15	0.00	0.00	8,744.15
Total 1025010 - Salaries	59,638.31	0.00	0.00	59,638.31
1025500 - Employee Benefits				
Employee Benefits - RivCo EDA	4,549.11	0.00	0.00	4,549.11
Employee Benefits - SSA	8,621.30	0.00	0.00	8,621.30
Total 1025500 - Employee Benefits	13,170.41	0.00	0.00	13,170.41
1026050 - Contract Svc/Professional				
Contract Svc/Prof - Adm Sup C	10,800.00	0.00	0.00	10,800.00
Contract Svc/Prof - Finance	14,619.00	0.00	0.00	14,619.00
Total 1026050 - Contract Svc/Professional	25,419.00	0.00	0.00	25,419.00
1026010 - Contract Svc/Attorney				
Contract Svcs/Attorney - Genera	3,224.95	0.00	0.00	3,224.95
Total 1026010 - Contract Svc/Attorney	3,224.95	0.00	0.00	3,224.95
1026090 - Contract Svc/Technical	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
1026095 - Contract Svc/Equipment Maint	4,115.53	0.00	0.00	4,115.53
1028551 - Capital Equipment <\$5,000	9,131.34	0.00	0.00	9,131.34
1026096 - Contract Svc/Equipment Lease	87.49	0.00	0.00	87.49
1026120 - Insurance	9,265.77	0.00	0.00	9,265.77
1027030 - Office Exp/Operating Supplies	626.46	0.00	0.00	626.46
1026450 - Postage, Mail	271.99	0.00	0.00	271.99
1026470 - Printing Services	47.35	0.00	0.00	47.35
1026439 - Dues, Subscriptions	53.53	0.00	0.00	53.53
1026350 - Communications	1,326.27	0.00	0.00	1,326.27
1026370 - Travel/Meetings	13,442.53	0.00	0.00	13,442.53
Total 1020000 - SSA ADMINISTRATION	142,820.93	0.00	0.00	142,820.93
6020000 - WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION				
6026010 - Contract Svcs/Attorney	0.00	182.70	0.00	182.70
6026013 - Contract Svcs/Accountant	0.00	1,440.00	0.00	1,440.00
Total 6020000 - WETLANDS GRANT ADMINISTRATION	0.00	1,622.70	0.00	1,622.70
6040000 - WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL				
6046040 - Contract Svcs/Design	0.00	3,593.35	0.00	3,593.35

Salton Sea Authority
Revenue & Expenditure by Fund
 July through September 2015

	101 General	214 Wetlands Grant	215 Funding Feasibility Review	TOTAL
Total 6040000 - WETLANDS GRANT TECHNICAL	0.00	3,593.35	0.00	3,593.35
6050000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN				
6055010 - Salaries				
Salaries - Admin Support 215	0.00	0.00	2,343.45	2,343.45
Salaries - GM 215	0.00	0.00	24,664.56	24,664.56
Total 6055010 - Salaries	0.00	0.00	27,008.01	27,008.01
6055500 - Employee Benefits	0.00	0.00	5,410.03	5,410.03
6056010 - Contract Svcs/Attorney	0.00	0.00	9,239.40	9,239.40
6056011 - Contract Svcs/J Schlange	0.00	0.00	962.50	962.50
6056013 - Contract Svcs/Accountant	0.00	0.00	3,240.00	3,240.00
Total 6050000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY ADMIN	0.00	0.00	45,859.94	45,859.94
6060000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL				
6066016 - Contract Svcs/TetraTech \$1.7	0.00	0.00	189,049.10	189,049.10
Total 6060000 - FUNDING/FEASIBILITY TECHNICAL	0.00	0.00	189,049.10	189,049.10
Total Expense	142,820.93	5,216.05	234,909.04	382,946.02
Net Ordinary Income	467,342.67	-5,216.05	-15,441.48	446,685.14
Net Income	467,342.67	-5,216.05	-15,441.48	446,685.14

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director
Date: October 22, 2015
Re: Approval of SSA Resolution No. 15-04 Labor Compliance – Prop. 84 Grant Compliance
CM No. V.A – 10/22/2015

GENERAL:

In keeping with state law governing the use of public moneys to construct projects funded by Proposition 84, the Salton Sea Authority has procured proposals from a minimum of three qualified vendors certified to monitor related construction projects for compliance.

Although the construction on projects under SSA purview has not officially begun, staff is recommending the SSA board take action to retain the vendor of choice in order to set in motion now the planning for the compliance program. In so doing, the vendor can complete that step and keep all systems moving forward without losing time.

The vendor has also agreed to provide SSA with a labor compliance program that will be immediately actionable on other SSA projects around the Sea, if and when funding becomes available, thus avoiding additional expense and time delays for expediting progress at the Sea.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommend that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors approve Salton Sea Authority Resolution No. 15-04 Labor Compliance.

Respectfully,

Phil Rosentrater
Executive Director

**SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 15-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SALTON SEA
AUTHORITY ADOPTING A LABOR COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (LCP)
FOR PROJECTS FUNDED BY PROPOSITION 84.**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority will commence the Wetlands Project in late 2015 or early 2016 pursuant to a Funding Agreement with the State of California, California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources for Habitat Creation Project, Agreement Number 4600010283 (“Funding Agreement”) or subsequent amendment;

WHEREAS, for the Wetlands Project, the Salton Sea Authority is eligible for grant funds under Proposition 84 to offset costs;

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has contracted with Alliant Consulting, Inc., to develop a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) on behalf of the Salton Sea Authority;

WHEREAS, upon approval of Resolution No. 15-4, the LCP will be forwarded to the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) for approval;

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority will apply the requirements of the LCP on the Wetlands Projects and any other project funded by the Proposition 84 bond measure;

WHEREAS, Alliant Consulting, Inc. as an agent of the Salton Sea Authority, shall initiate and enforce the LCP on the Wetlands Project under the Salton Sea Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority does hereby find, resolve, determine, and order as follows:

1. Alliant Consulting, Inc. shall develop a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) on behalf of the Salton Sea Authority;
2. Alliant Consulting, Inc. shall direct the LCP to the Department of Industrial Relations for approval; and
3. Alliant Consulting, Inc. shall serve as the agent of the Salton Sea Authority to initiate and enforce the LCP on the Wetlands Project under the Salton Sea Authority.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

John J. Benoit, President
Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY) ss.
OFFICE OF SECRETARY)

I, MATTHEW DESSERT, Secretary of the Salton Sea Authority, a Joint Powers Agency of the State of California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 15-04 adopted by the Board of Directors of said Salton Sea Authority at a special meeting thereof duly held and convened on the 22nd day of October, 2015, at which meeting a quorum of said Board was present and acting throughout.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2015,

Matthew Dessert
Secretary of the Salton Sea Authority
and of the Board of Directors thereof

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: Phil Rosentrater, Executive Director
Date: October 22, 2015
Re: Approval of MOU between EDA and SSA for Office Space at 82995 Highway 111
CM No. V.B – 10/22/2015

GENERAL:

Salton Sea Authority moved its offices to space provided by County of Riverside at the Indio Law Center, 82995 Highway 111 in Indio, effective July 1, 2015. Salton Sea Authority Staff appreciates the space in this new facility which accommodates its needs for increased office space and meeting capabilities.

The attached MOU between the County of Riverside EDA – Real Estate Division and the Salton Sea Authority sets forth the terms of the tenancy agreement between the two parties.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Salton Sea Authority Staff recommend that the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors approve the MOU between EDA and SSA for office space at 82995 Highway 111.

Respectfully,

Phil Rosentrater
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(Between the County of Riverside EDA – Real Estate Division and the Salton Sea Authority
Pertaining to the Use of Space at 82995 Hwy 111, Indio, California 92201)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, as Landlord, hereinafter referred to as “County”, and the Salton Sea Authority, hereinafter referred to as “Tenant”.

WHEREAS, County is the sole building authority over the facility located at 82995 Hwy 111, Indio, California 92201; and

WHEREAS, County leases to Tenant, the premises, upon all terms and conditions set forth in this MOU.

For the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

PREMISES – The Premises shall consist of that certain portion of the facility, as defined herein, including all improvements therein or to be provided by County under the terms of this MOU, and commonly known as 82995 Hwy 111, Suites 265 and 266 and Cubicles 2A114 through 2A116 and 2A119, located in the City of Indio, County of Riverside, State of California, generally described as:

TENANT – Office space consisting of approximately 553 square feet of space, comprised of 134 square feet in Suite 265 and 134 square feet in Suite 266 and 285 square feet in the four cubicles more particularly known as Exhibit A, attached hereto, and by this reference made a part of this MOU. Any subsequent changes to square footage occupancy shall be made with a thirty (30) day notice.

FURNITURE – Furniture shall be provided to tenant as outlined in Exhibit B. Tenant shall be responsible for any damage incurred to furnishings.

TERM – This MOU shall be for a Term of two (2) years effective July 1, 2015, with the option to renew on an annual basis. The terms of this MOU shall be as described below:

CONSIDERATION – Tenant shall pay for telephone and internet service.

PARKING – Tenant shall be allocated up to five (5) unreserved parking spaces for its employees and primary consultant(s). Parking cost shall be \$35.00 per space per month for County employees and \$65.00 per space for month for non-employees.

INSURANCE – Tenant, at its own expense, shall procure and maintain during the term of this MOU commercial General Liability coverage. Policy’s limit of liability shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit. County shall be named as an additional insured.

TERMINATION – This MOU may be terminated by either party without cause upon 60 days prior written notice.

ASSIGNMENT – Neither this MOU nor any clause or provision contained herein may be assigned, transferred or released without the express written consent of the Parties hereto.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS – No part of this MOU may be modified, altered, amended, waived, or changed without the express written consent of the Parties.

INDEPENDENT CAPACITY – Tenant, its officers, employees, and agents shall act in an independent capacity during the Term of this MOU and not as officers, employees or agents of County of Riverside EDA – Real Estate Division.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT – This MOU contains the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties. There are no oral understandings, terms, conditions, or promises, and no party has relied upon any representations, expressed or implied, not contained in this MOU.

NOTICES – Any notices required or desired to be served by either party upon the other shall be addressed to the respective parties as set forth below:

County of Riverside EDA - Real Estate Division
3403 Tenth Street, Suite 500
Riverside, CA 92501

Salton Sea Authority
82995 Hwy 111, Suite 200
Indio, CA 92201

AUTHORITY – This MOU shall not be binding or consummated until its approval by County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is hereby agreed to by County and Tenant.

DATE: _____

AGREED TO:

By: _____

Rob Field, Assistant County CEO/Director
County of Riverside EDA – Real Estate Division

By: _____

Phillip L. Rosentrater, Executive Director
Salton Sea Authority

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for Salton Sea Authority
& RCIT

Exhibit A
← hallway →

Cubicle # 3

jack # 2A-116

Room # 266

NOT DRAWN TO SCALE!

jack # 2A-112

Salton Sea Authority

Cubicle # 2

jack # 2A-115

hallway

Salton Sea Auth.

Salton Sea Authority

Cubicle # 1

jack # 2A-114

Door that requires
pass card

Room # 265

Jack # 2A-113

Cubicle # 4

jack # 2A-119

Salton Sea Auth/
shared

Salton Sea Authority

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

EXHIBIT "B"

FURNITURE

Suite 265:

- L-shaped desk with a 3-drawer bank of utility drawers and 2-drawer bank of lateral file drawers
- Free-standing filing cabinet – 2-door, 4-drawer
- Executive/Secretarial chair, 2 guest chairs
- Bookshelf

Suite 266:

- L-shaped desk with a 3-drawer bank of utility drawers and 2-drawer bank of lateral file drawers
- Free-standing filing cabinet – 2-door, 4-drawer (lock missing)
- Free-standing 2-drawer lateral file
- Executive/Secretarial chair, 2 guest chairs

All cubicles:

- Built-in workstation with utility drawers, lateral file drawers and upright cabinet
- Executive/Secretarial chair

One (1) trash can was provided.

Salton Sea Authority

General Manager/Executive Director Progress Report to the Board of Directors

October 22, 2015

PURPOSE

- 1) Provide SSA Board of Directors with exec summary of progress toward essential objectives
- 2) Provide accountability and perspective for staff performance

MISSION CRITICAL OBJECTIVES FOR SSA – NEXT 6 MONTHS TO 1 YR:

Time is extremely short, funding limited and staff focus finite. While the SSA GM/Exec Director is committed to seizing every opportunity and maximizing ROI on every dollar and moment invested, we recognize cannot do everything in this complex assignment. Accordingly, the following top priority imperatives must be accomplished within this fiscal year:

- **ASSERT LOCAL LEADERSHIP: DEVELOP A REALISTIC REVITALIZATION PLAN**
- **INTEGRITY / PERFORMANCE: DELIVER EXISTING PROJECTS ON TIME, UNDER BUDGET**
- **SECURE SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO FINALLY CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE**
- **LAUNCH SELF-HELP REVENUE STRATEGIES: IFD / EIFD**
- **BUILD AN EFFECTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM**

LEADERSHIP

Administration

The SSA has successfully adjusted to the new administration under GM/Executive Director Phil Rosentrater. Staff and consultants have been working overtime to repair, reconcile, and refine contracts, work plans and budgets that required retooling in order to stay on schedule, address emerging concerns and costs.

Although workload is increasing, and current resources are stretched thin, staff and consultants have remained highly responsive, continuing to produce high quality work with a positive “can do” attitude necessary to achieve the mission critical SSA objectives outlined above.

Additional grant funding opportunities from state and federal sources are anticipated to bring additional funding resources near beginning of the year, and with it, there is an expectation

that some of the workload can be distributed to new admin staff. In addition, new interns are now on board to assist in some of the short term projects.

The internal operations of the SSA have struggled to maintain efficient electronic communications at the new headquarters housed at County of Riverside Law Center in Indio. Staff has done a superb job of compensating for slow internet and occasional IT malfunctions that have caused a few awkward delays and miscues in messaging. Staff is assured that remedies to these issues are finally being rectified this week.

DEVELOP REALISTIC REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

Financial Feasibility Action Plan (FFAP)

66% Complete

The work to complete the Financial Feasibility Action Plan is proceeding apace to complete all the work required in the grant within the agreed upon time frame. Among the outcomes of this work is a set of criteria that define and smaller sustainable Sea within the limits of water, incremental funding and time at the Sea. When mapped out to maximize air quality mitigation, habitat restoration, recreational access and restored shoreline property values, this SSWIFT strategy, when paired with the SSRREI, may finally provide the path to a realistic revitalization strategy that unite all stakeholders in support of a new SSA Preferred Plan for restoration.

The preliminary concepts were presented for discussion at the Sept 24 SSA board meeting, and after discussion, the board directed staff to continue to bring the technical consultants of the respective component plans together in order to reconcile differences and ultimately provide an improved concept for further consideration and discussion by the SSA Board.

In the interim, the state Natural Resources Agency has called for meetings of major local, regional, state and federal stakeholders in order establish a baseline of consensus to accelerate state investment in immediate, intermediate and long range planning and project implementation at the sea The first meeting, held Oct 14 in Sacramento and a second meeting will be held in the area around the Sea on Nov 4. In light of this development, the SSA ad hoc Projects Committee meeting was cancelled in order to provide breathing room for the state to develop a conceptual plan that will be brought back to the SSA.

PERFORMANCE

Making good on existing grants for Projects at the Sea

DWR-funded Financial Assistance Program (FAP) Torres Martinez Wetlands project

55% complete

This wetlands project has undergone numerous permutations over the past two years. As lead agency, the SSA is demonstrating its ability to the state and tribe that the SSA will make good on its promises to deliver a key project in cooperation with the state, on time and under budget.

With the discovery of an artesian well on site adjacent to the proposed wetlands, a more cost effective and reliable water source is potentially available for this wetlands. Accordingly, the SSA has drafted a revised project description, scope and budget for submission to the state. State consultation has gone smoothly during this transition. An on –site review of the revised project is set for early November with SSA, state and tribal authorities. Assuming no additional adjustments to the project, the SSA will bring an amended project forward with state approval in December.

FUNDING

State –

- AB 1095 (Garcia) Legislation calling for “actionable”, immediately fundable projects at the Salton Sea, passed both houses and was signed into law by Governor Brown. The bill calls for state Resources Agency to deliver to the state legislature by March 31, an actionable list of immediately fundable projects at the Sea. A corresponding list of Actionable Projects at the Sea has been prepared by SSA and its partner agencies and has been submitted to state officials for budget consideration.
- A joint agency application for funding through WCB was prepared by SSA and IID for submission prior to Sept 30. The project will deal with water quality issues in the New River.
- A joint application for funding through Santa Rosa Mountains Conservancy is being prepared by SSA in concert with the Audubon Society. The project proposal would link Audubon expertise and resources such as the emerging “Birds of the Sea” project to habitat restoration activities around the sea -- particularly at the Torres Martinez wetlands. The proposal would eventually tap into assets at the North Shore Yacht Club to build a stronger Outreach program benefiting all involved entities.

- Proposition 1 Water Bond, in addition to funds for the Sea, also offers grants for watershed habitat projects and will be pursued by the SSA jointly with its partners.

Federal –

- US Department of Agriculture – Grant submitted for habitat development (up to \$10M)
- US Bureau of Reclamation – Discussions with new Salton Sea Program Manager will identify potential sources that can be leveraged for federal funding
- Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
- SSA and Tribe coordinated Letters of Interest in the previous month necessary to secure placeholder consideration for funding of tribal wetland projects (up to \$3 M). A meeting and tour of the site with SSA, ACOE and Tribal officials is set for mid-November
- Seeking placement and funding for ACOE Work Plan for FY 2017-18 for eventual access to WRDA authorization (\$30 M)

SELF HELP STRATEGIES

IFD/ EIFD

In September board meeting, the SSA board took action to launch financial analysis prerequisite to creating an Infrastructure Finance District. Consistent with Benchmark 5 of the \$2 million Financial Feasibility Action Plan being pursued cooperatively between SSA and state Resources Agency, the SSA board approved a contract for a consulting team to report on the feasibility of creating an IFD.

SSA issued a notice to proceed immediately following the Board approval. The IFD team has been meeting with SSA legal counsel and project consultants to ensure scope of work is refined to ensure the feasibility analysis is structured in a manner that will pass muster on Wall Street sufficient to drive serious investment. The IFD team has six months to deliver the product.

OUTREACH

The SSA does not have a budget for outreach. However, SSA GM has successfully recruited college intern students who have begun working on the structure for an outreach apparatus for inexpensive but highly effective targeted communication capabilities for SSA messages. Created through legislative action, the Salton Sea Specialty License Plate could generate modest outreach funding and welcome visibility. SSA is partnering with Palm Springs Visitor & Convention Bureau to boost this program now that the internet purchase challenges appear to be resolved.

October 22, 2015

Little Hoover Commission
925 L Street, Suite 805
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

The Salton Sea Authority (Authority) would like to express its gratitude for calling the State to action at the Salton Sea.

The commission's report to the governor and the legislature has come at a pivotal time in the effort to revitalize the sea. The amount of work and time that your commission has dedicated to understanding this precarious situation is invaluable. California stands at a juncture in its history in which it can choose to work together with the Authority and federal partners to stabilize a vital area of the state, or do nothing and risk the impending catastrophe. The call to action that your commission has requested will hopefully help the governor and legislature realize the time is now to establish a healthier and more prosperous trajectory for the Sea.

There are two concerns with the report that the Authority respectfully submits for your consideration:

- 1) First is the term "shovel ready"; this term has been used in many reports in the past, but has been in need of clarification. In the latest bill signed into law by Governor Brown, AB 1095 there has been a distinct clarification on this term, and a more precise term of "actionable project" has been decided upon.
- 2) Second is the report's recommendation #2, to pursue additional transfer of water. This recommendation comes at a time when the Sea is in crisis as the Authority and its partner agencies are scrambling to deal with potential impacts of the QSA transfer looming in the near future. From the Authority's perspective, there is no excess water to be transferred. At a time where all entities involved in this situation are doing their best to join forces in addressing the overwhelming challenges that face us, this recommendation could unintentionally serve as a road block to that unification.

The Salton Sea is at a significant juncture in its history. On one hand, it could be the cause of an ecological, health, and economic catastrophe unlike anything this state has ever encountered. On the other hand, with united efforts, this area over time could transform into a prosperous clean energy mecca and be used as an example of how a dire and complex situation can be resolved and sustained for the greater good. The efforts made by your commission to spotlight this challenge are greatly appreciated. The resulting serious commitment from the State to act now will be critical to avert this impending disaster and instead serve as an illustrious point of transformation in California's history.

Sincerely,



Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

PR:pj

cc: Salton Sea Authority
State Legislature
Federal Legislators