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Bruce Wilcox
Assistant Secretary of Salton Sea Policy
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Wilcox,

We are glad to have been given the opportunity to respond to the Request for Information (RFI) for Salton Sea Water Importation Project.

Cordoba has a 35-year history of successfully completing water, education, transportation, and energy projects throughout California. Our efforts throughout the years have been recognized by a Harvard Business School Case Study analyzing our unique approach to solving challenging problems for clients, and more recently, recognized as a top 100 professional service and top 50 program management firm in the nation by Engineering News-Record, a New York City based magazine that covers the latest national trends in the construction industry.



As a California based and midsized firm with over 250 employees, Cordoba has the unique ability to provide personal service while maintaining a strong core of professionals who are committed to serving the communities in which they live and work. Our professionals have proven track records and are currently working on some of the most iconic civil engineering projects throughout California, including the High-Speed Rail, Transbay Terminal, and Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Program.

The intent of this RFI response is to provide the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) with solutions to meet long-range goals of the Salton Sea Management Plan by using an imported water source to submerge the playa, create habitat, and maintain a constant level of water.

To achieve these goals and objectives, we are proposing to use water from the Sea of Cortez as a long term and sustainable water source to the Salton Sea. Without this “new water”, the Salton Sea will most likely experience a rapid loss in elevation, further concentration of salt, and the ultimate loss of habitat for migrating birds and local fish.

On behalf of Cordoba, we have created a unique partnership with Terrabrio as our key sub-consultant and have developed a bi-national team of experts that include Lawrence Livermore



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National Laboratories, scientists and engineers dedicated to environmental security, and CH2MHill, international recognized for their environmental services. This partnership will result in providing a programmatic approach to the Salton Sea Water Importation Project.

Cordoba is prepared to begin work immediately upon receiving Notice to Proceed. Our proposed Phase I work plan would start in April 2018 and culminate in June 2021 with a forecasted ROD (Record of Decision) on the EIR and MIA process.

We will deliver the following:

- Project Definition Document
- EIS/EIR as needed per the CEQA requirements
- MIA (manifestacion de impacto ambiental) – Mexico
- Business Plan on preferred alternative

Jeff Berk, P.E. will serve as our Program Manager and be personally responsible for the overall administration of Cordoba staff on this project. He has handpicked team members with a wide variety of capabilities and experience levels to go along with an abundance of additional local resources from which to draw. Jeff has a proven track record of results oriented service that you will see throughout the project.

All work will be administered through our local office at 1611 E. 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Jeff's contact information is as follows:

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I am confident we have the experience, resources, and strong desire needed to partner with the California Natural Resources Agency for successful completion of this project. If you have any question as you review our proposal, please do not hesitate to call Jeff at the number included above. I look forward to exceeding your expectations.

Sincerely,

Randall Martinez
Executive V.P. and C.O.O.