



# Red Hill Bay

## Habitat & Dust Suppression

**The Red Hill Bay Project** creates approximately 530 acres of dust suppression and habitat by turning the dry lakebed into a wetland on the southeastern shore of the Salton Sea. Water will be pumped from the nearby Alamo River and blended with water pumped from the Salton Sea to create a shallow-water habitat for migratory shore birds. This project will also suppress dust by covering emissive lakebed. The project, also known as the Red Hill Marina Project, is led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and partially funded by the California Department of Water Resources.

### Goals

- Approximately 530 acres of wildlife habitat and dust suppression
- **Public Amenity:** Restore a prime bird watching location within the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge

### Funding

- **Total Project Cost:** \$6.3 million
- **Partially State Funded:** \$1.2 million provided by the California Department of Water Resources Salton Sea Financial Assistance Program
- **Remaining funding** provided by the federal government and the Imperial Irrigation District

### Partners

- The **Red Hill Bay Project** is a joint effort between the State of California, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Imperial Irrigation District



*The Red Hill Bay Project is located in Imperial County, within the Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge.*

**2015**  
Construction started

**2016**  
Project postponed due to funding constraints

**2019**  
Project resumes following injection of federal funding

**2020**  
Estimated project completion