

To: To All Request for Information Interested Parties

Subject: Responses to questions on Request for Information on water import

Question: What is the target TDS of imported seawater? Should it be thinned from 34 TDS to 15 TDS

*Answer: The project proponent can determine specific salinity requirements; the target for operation of the habitat ponds is approximately 20 to 40 parts per thousand (ppt).*

Question: How will the State of CA pay for imported seawater on a per acre foot basis

*Answer: At this point the State does **not** have funding for the purchase of imported seawater.*

Question: How will the State of CA pay for desalinating 500,000 MAF to 1.0 MAF of desalinated water per year?

*Answer: Currently there is no funding available for desalination water.*

Question: What is the CNRA - Salton Sea targeted TDS after seawater is imported? 50 TDS in 5 years

*Answer: The State does not have a target salinity of the lake; the habitat areas will be from approximately 20 to 40 ppt.*

Question: What are the names of every desal company interested in importing seawater (contacted you over the last year).

*Answer: The State does not have this information*

Question: Who have you or John Renison introduced to the Cucapah? (Names, contract information, dates).

*Answer: The State has not introduced anyone to the Cucapah relating to the water import projects.*

Question: Confirm you have been advised the Cucapah have a valid non circumvention agreement with Jennings & Johnson Partnership and have been advised to not assist any party to breach the contract until 2019.

*Answer: The State has not; and does not plan to have discussions with the Cucapah regarding the circumvention agreement between JJP and the Cucapah.*

Question: Confirm you have been advised the JJP Sea to Sea presentation is copyrighted and CNRA - State of CA will not or has not used our information.

*Answer: We understand your claim that the JJP Sea to Sea presentation is copyrighted. The State will not use information prepared by your company. We will need written permission to share your document with the review team and ultimately the general public.*

Question: Confirm any proposal submitted with any reference to the Cucapah will be rejected due to contractual or legal issues.

*Answer: The submittals will be required to present documentation as to a water source. The documentation of all the submittals will be verified,*

Question: Confirm the names of every company you have met with as it relates to importing seawater over the last twelve months.

*Answer: The State will not be providing the requested information.*

Question: Do you have the names and contact information of the land owners next to or under the Salton Sea? I need to contact them regarding a wood chip project.

*Answer: This question appears to be for another project. The State does not have a complete list of landowners around the Salton Sea.*

Question: Although the emphasis of your submittal format outline appears to be on reactive/mitigation and regulatory measures, our approach is very value-oriented, providing quality enhancement at virtually every level of the project. For example, much of our comprehensive solution involves environmental enrichment, increasing natural capital, quality of life, etc. How will these qualities be considered, assessed and evaluated by reviewers?

*Answer: The proposals will be evaluated based on the categories in the submittal. Additional "values" may be included in the proposal and may be considered basis on the specific criteria proposed*

Question: The submittal format (and deliverables) is clear. However, will reviewers accept additional supplemental information, such as a one minute video?

*Answer: Videos may be submitted; but will not be part of the evaluation process.*

Question: Is there any bias regarding the Development or Operations schedules? For example, might there be a perceived downside to *short term* initiation / execution of the proposed solution?

*Answer: We don't believe that the water import scenarios are short term solutions. However, if the project proponent can document short-term solutions it will be considered.*

Question: Are there any concerns about the origin of legitimate funding sources? Would international / binational funding be permitted? Any other financing concerns the State would have?

*Answer: Documented and creditable funding sources will be considered. The State does not have a funding source for the project.*

Question: Please clarify the next, subsequent steps in your investigation of these Sea Water Importation Projects.

*Answer: The RFI responses will be evaluated based on the criteria in the RFI. The proposal will be discussed at a long range planning committee and shared with the public. If parts of the proposal are proprietary or the proponent does not want them reviewed they will be redacted upon written request.*

Question: Can you please elaborate on the backgrounds/qualifications of the reviewers?

*Answer: The selection of reviewers has not been completed. The reviewers will include engineers, water quality specialist permitting specialist and others*