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Please see the attached letter from my friends. I completely agree with this stance and ask that you guys review and take action to preserve this area. I would love to have this as a place for my kids to visit and enjoy, but that won't be the case if action isn't taken. We need your help!

Sincerely,

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August 10, 2016

Dear Salton Sea Task Force,

Hello I am writing this letter on behalf of my fiancé Cindi Veitch and myself James McCullough and along with many friends who would like to express our concerns and hopes for the restoration of the Salton Sea, we have been going to the Salton Sea for several years now from our LA residences and we really enjoy the area from watching the wild life, enjoying the tremendous views, camping at the very beautiful OHV park next door and yes even the apocalyptic scenes it has to offer, we've embraced it so much we were considering investing in a property here. But truthfully we have to ask ourselves is it safe? Do we want to live in an enviroment where the norm is wearing a respatory mask? Would you?

Can anyone honestly answer how much loss of Human Life and our unreplaceable wildlife does it take to get bureaucrats to get off their ass and quit talking about something and fix it? **YOU'RE** task force is litterally going to be responsible for letting the largest and only Pacific Flyway for 1,000's of bird species dry-up and dissapear! Does that not weigh on anybodys concience at all?? Are we the only one's who have these concerns? We know we are only peons in this whole disaster thing, but when we walk down to the edge of the Sea and watch fish dying off at tremendous rates and birds that are starving trying to eat these dying fish, or a raggity skin and bones coyote wandering the beach in 100+ heat trying to make a meal out of a dying bird or dead fish it really leaves us with a sick uneasy empty feeling. Would any of you ever treat your pets this way? Is it ok to treat 1,000's of natures animals this way??

Since we've been here and got to know the area and the history we are very concerned of the ongoing deterioration we have been witnessing, from the receding water and the shorelines being exposed at an alarming rate, the excess amount of wildlife that has been dying off along the shorelines, the asthma causing dust that is being exposed, we along with **SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE** who live around and discuss this with think the Sea needs to be first stabilized immediatley and then restored very quickly before we lose the magnificence it really has to offer.

Our Hopes:
We see this as a most precious natural resource and believe It could once again provide even more outstanding recreational and investment opportunities than it did in its heyday. Bigger better habitats for fish, recreational, camping boating, fishing like it used to provide and safe refuge for all the surrounding wildlife that relies on this body of water for its very existence.

YOU REALLY NEED TO THINK about it!
This area is located 30 minutes or less from Palm Springs and 2 hrs from LA & surrounding communities of citizens who enjoy the desert lifestyle, boating, fishing, camping and what it has to offer, 100's of thousands of people drive right by here to go the river for just that purpose every year, just imagine how many would flock to a **USABLE** lake without the 4 to 6 hr drive that Lake Havasu requires? What kind of revenues and taxes are we just sending out of state? Is the economics that hard to realize?

I'm no expert and have seen a lot of plans and scenarios that could possibly sustain some portions of the Sea, but the only true fix will be bringing in more water, POINT BLANK, is it that hard to figure out? What is it a 100 miles away is the Sea of Cortez! A permanent fix to this issue forever and I'm told we are lower than the Sea, is this not self explanitory? Doesn't Mexicali along the same path not need water also? Hello! Wake up! Can we not generate electricity from water running downhill and make some money off it? Isn't Imperial valley one of the biggest Geo-Thermal systems in the world? Can we not harness that energy and sell it? Why has this not been presented to private investors and sold as a profit sharing venture? It takes no expert to see there are many solutions and an easy means to an end result here, why must we tie it up so much in beuaocracy that it never gets done? Oh and another Topic I see discussed on many message boards and from almost every other individual that lives in the area, Would I as a Salton Sea / Imperial Valley resident pay some extra property taxes to help with this reform and the answer is YES! But only as working money, not as funding for another study to line someone elses pockets with cash!

Thank you for listening and taking the time to read this, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me anytime.
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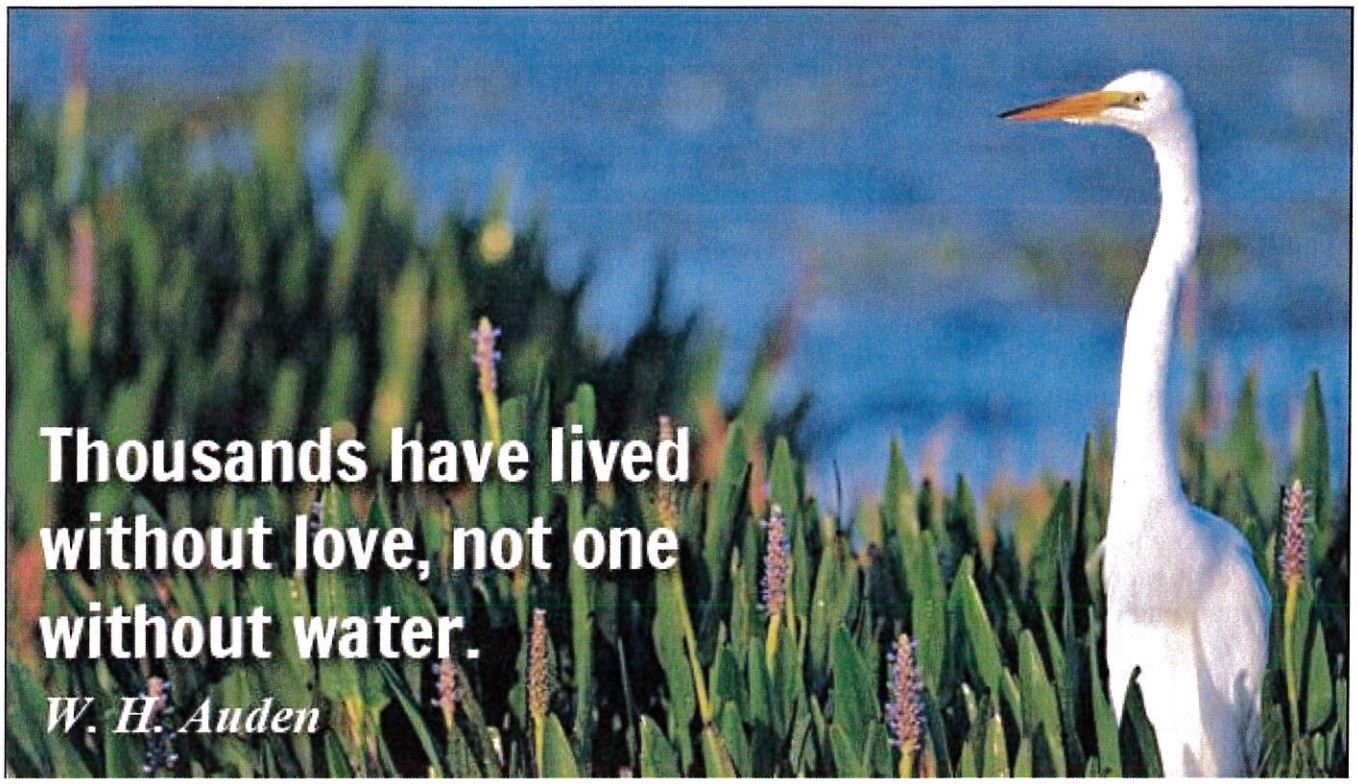
Sincerely,

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