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I am writing on behalf of People Over Pollution, a grass roots environmental advocacy group in the Coachella Valley. We are concerned with the air and water of our entire planet, but focus locally. We are well known by the local agencies.

We want to go on record as advising the State Water Board that the Salton Sea is dying at a much faster rate than any had predicted. When (if) the QSA is implemented in its entirety, it will be the death knell.

Please examine the two links from today's (August 10, 2016) The Desert Sun, the Coachella Valley's newspaper.

The first is about the big stink coming from the sea, the second one this week, it permeates the entire valley.

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/weather/2016/08/10/smell-air-officials-issue-salton-sea-odor-advisory/88538182/>

The other article is far scarier. It relates to dying birds, and suggests that already the fish have stopped procreating! And this is BEFORE the full implementation of the QSA. It is titled "Sudden declines of birds, fish could signal "tipping point" at Salton Sea".

<http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/environment/2016/08/09/salton-sea-biologists-find-some-birds-dead-missing/88118480/>

Not far in the future you will see blogs and books blaming everyone from elected officials, to state bureaucrats, to our watchdog agencies for the most documented/predicted disaster in history.

It does not matter who is at fault, the only thing that is important is that even at this late date, there is a likely solution, if it would be examined fairly. That is the long suggested plan of bringing salt water in from the Sea of Cortez. The influx of sea water will buy time. Then we can go to work on desalinating enough of future inflows to keep the sea alive.

You have the ability to save the sea, and the beautiful Coachella Valley. There may not be another chance.

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