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**Subject: Comment Letter: Salton Sea**

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

The Southern California Water Committee is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public education partnership dedicated to informing Southern Californians about our water needs and our state's water resources. On behalf of the Southern California Water Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to submit comments pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Notice of Public Workshop and Solicitation of Comments Regarding the Status of the Salton Sea and Revised Order WRO 2002-0013 (Notice).

As California navigates its fourth year of drought and snowpack levels are at a historic low, it's important that we all focus on ways to stretch our water resources and conserve our limited resources. We would recommend that the SWRCB explore an array of opportunities that have multi-beneficial approaches to our water supply and quality issues and ecosystem protections. For example, the SWRCB could explore providing voluntary funding opportunities that could generate a stream of revenue dedicated to immediate habitat restoration projects while at the same time helping California face another unprecedented year of drought.

Water agencies throughout Southern California continue to implement innovative strategies to reduce water consumption and stretch limited local supplies further during what will certainly be another drought year. On behalf of the Southern California Water Committee, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in any renewed discussions of Salton Sea restoration efforts. We stand ready to be of assistance to be a part of a solution that benefits all of California and its important resources.

Sincerely,

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