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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sent via-email



Dear Ms. Townsend:

Re: Comment Letter: Salton Sea

The City of Coachella (City) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed workshop regarding the status of the Salton Sea and Revised Order WRO 2002-0013.

The convening of State Water Board, the Imperial Irrigation District, San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to discuss the modification of Revised Order WRO 2002-0013 is of considerable interest to the City of Coachella.

The City recognizes that the loss of that mitigation water may accelerate the contraction of the Salton Sea, resulting in the exposure of an extensive playa with fine particles that may cause significant public health impacts to surrounding communities, including the City.

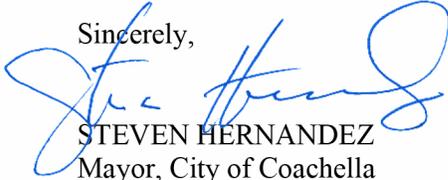
In addition, the City recognizes that a decrease in the delivery of Colorado River into the Coachella Valley would have significant negative impact for economic growth due to the lack of additional water supply necessary for future development. The City's water system and its ability to deliver water to customers due to of the lack of recharge from canal water could also be impacted.

Since the outcome from a possible modification to the Revised Order WRO 2002-0013 could affect the City of Coachella; the City is specifically interested in receiving outcomes from discussions regarding the following questions, based on the current status of efforts focused on the Salton Sea:

1. How can the State Water Board promote implementation of a reasonable and sustainable plan to address the air, wildlife, and water quality problems at the Salton Sea?
2. What changes, if any, should the State Water Board consider making to Revised Order WRO 2002-0013?

In summary, the City of Coachella is a key stakeholder in the future of the Salton Sea and requests to be advised in advance of any hearings or meeting in which these issues will be addressed. Also, the City wishes to engage the State to continue ongoing dialogue with the parties to the QSA and the Salton Sea Authority to meet and confer in an effort to achieve consensus around a realistic, feasible restoration plan for the Salton Sea and a mechanism for funding the plan. Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please contact me at s Shernandez@coachella.org or 760. 398.3502.

Sincerely,



STEVEN HERNANDEZ
Mayor, City of Coachella