



State Water Boards,

People Over Pollution hereby support Imperial Irrigation District's recommendation to delay implementation of the QSA until significant progress has been made towards restoring the Salton Sea to a viable, living condition. Already, without full implementation of the QSA, sea life, avian life and the entire Coachella Valley and Imperial County are threatened by the drying up of the Salton Sea. This (QSA) agreement was implemented with the understanding that progress would be well under way for an alternative to letting the sea die. That progress is minimal, if at all.

We are asking that you not just support IID's request, but take a more active role in the future of the sea, as it seems to be too large of a job for the local groups that have undertaken this threat.

I am sure you are well aware of the disaster that looms to the entire region if this lake bed dries up. The Owens Valley dust storms would pale against the fate of the region to Salton Sea dust storms. The sea is much larger than Owens Lake was, and unlike Owens, contains 100 years of pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, as well as the sewage dumped by the Alamo river.

A comprehensive monitoring program as well as a suspension of the QSA implementation is the first and necessary step.

Further, holding hearings near the Salton Sea would give better access for public participation and help the officials involved to understand the size of the problem, thereby giving a higher likelihood of a positive outcome.

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