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Hello Ms. Townsend,

My name is Jeff Davidson and this letter is to express my extreme concern should the restoration of the Salton Sea be dropped from the State of California's interests.

The Salton see is home to a wide range of animal species. California has experienced a major depletion of natural wetlands over the course of last 100 years and as a consequence hundreds of different bird species now use the Salton Sea as a major stop over during their north to south and vice versa migration. The rising salinity levels in the Salton Sea are only a few percentage points away from not being able to sustain the major fishery that these migrating birds depend on as a food source. This would have a devastating effect on the bird population. It is urgent that a solution to lower salinity is found immediately.

The other major issue at hand would be the PM-10 airborne dust problem. As the Salton Sea continues to shrink in size hundreds of miles of exposed shoreline will belch thousand of tons of pesticide and fertilizer laden dust into the regions atmosphere. The total assessed value of the Coachella Valley's economy in 2014 was at 60 billion dollars. The dust storms arising from a non restored Salton Sea blowing into the resort areas of the greater Palm Springs area could be financially devastating to not only the tourist sectors but the farming and budding technology and education sectors as well.

I ask and beg that the great State of California work diligently with all County and Local Agencies in coming up with a solution that not only averts the greatest environmental disaster since the Great Dust Bowl of the 1930's but provides the economic security that the State could benefit from.

Thank you so much,

Jeff Davidson