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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

#### UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF PHASE 1 OF THE SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to receive information and solicit public input regarding the status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program.

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**  
**2:00 p.m.**

#### IN PERSON PARTICIPATION

Joe Serna, Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA

#### VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE OPTION

*This meeting will occur with both a physical meeting location and an option for the public to participate from a remote location.*

- *For those who only wish to watch the meeting, the webcast remains available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning available) and should be used **UNLESS** you intend to comment.*
- *For members of the public who wish to comment on an agenda item or are presenting to the Board, additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)*

#### BACKGROUND

The **April 20, 2022** workshop is being held for the State Water Board to receive information related to the progress of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) from the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) and to receive written and oral comments from the public, in compliance with Water Right Order (WRO) 2017-0134.

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On November 7, 2017, the State Water Board adopted Order WRO 2017-0134, amending revised Order WRO 2002-0013 to incorporate additional conditions that set forth specific restoration milestones to address public health and environmental concerns. WRO 2017-0134 requires that the Board hold a public meeting no later than March 31 of each year during Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) to receive oral and written comments on the status of Salton Sea restoration.

The order requires a report from state agencies (CNRA), due in the first quarter of each year, to identify: (i) completed projects and milestones achieved in the prior year; (ii) amount of acreage of completed projects that provide dust suppression and habitat restoration, broken down by habitat type; (iii) upcoming projects to be completed and milestones to be achieved prior to the next annual progress report; (iv) the status of financial resources and permits that have not been secured for future projects; (v) any anticipated departures from the dates and acreages identified in condition 24 of the order, and; (vi) progress toward development of the long-range plan described in condition 26 of the order.

The 2021 Annual Report was submitted to the State Water Board on February 24 and released to the public on February 25, 2022. The report can be accessed online in English and in Spanish at CNRA's Salton Sea webpage at: <https://saltonsea.ca.gov/>. Additional information regarding the Salton Sea is also available on the CNRA's Salton Sea website.

For more information about the background and history of the State Water Board's involvement with the Salton Sea, please visit the State Water Board's webpage at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/)

### **ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP**

The State Water Board is seeking information from interested parties related to progress or actions since the last State Water Board Salton Sea Workshop on April 7, 2021. The workshop is also an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board regarding the status of the SSMP. Input can be provided by submitting written comments as described below or providing oral comments during the workshop as described above.

A draft agenda is under development and will be posted on the Board's Salton Sea website prior to the workshop. The draft agenda will also be released via the Salton Sea email subscription service. To receive notifications about Salton Sea program activities by the State Water Board and the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Board, please subscribe to the email service here:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/reg7\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg7_subscribe.html).

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

This workshop is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

In addition to the content described above, the workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board. At the workshop, interested persons will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement any written comments with oral comments. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all interested persons have an opportunity to participate, oral comments at the workshops may be time-limited.

### **REMOTE PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING GENERAL COMMENTS**

If you are participating in the workshop remotely, and would like to make a general public comment, you must fill out a virtual speaker card using the link provided in the Board's forthcoming agenda that will be posted at least ten days prior to the workshop at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar/#04-2022](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#04-2022)

Staff will respond to your form with the information needed to join the workshop via the Zoom online platform. If there are a large number of commenters, speakers may be asked to shorten their comments to accommodate all speakers. Additional information about participating telephonically or via the remote meeting solution is available here: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/remote\\_meeting/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/remote_meeting/)

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Interested persons must submit written comments by the deadline provided in the Board's forthcoming agenda that will be posted at least ten days prior to the workshop at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar/#04-2022](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#04-2022)

Comments submitted must include the follow subject line: "**Comment Letter: Salton Sea**". For submittals less than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should email the submittal to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov).

For submittals more than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should (1) email a summary of their written information to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov); and (2) mail or hand deliver any additional information on a CD/DVD.

Mail or hand-delivered comments must be addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Interested persons with hand deliveries must check in with the Visitor and Environmental Services Center on the first floor of the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building who will contact State Water Board staff to pick up any hand deliveries. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

### **WEBCAST OF WORKSHOP**

The webcast of this workshop will be available at either <https://www.youtube.com/user/BoardWebSupport/> or <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/> (closed captioning and Spanish translation available) and should be used unless you intend to plan to provide remote comment.

### **PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY**

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. (CalEPA) Building and public parking information, please refer to this website: <http://calepa.ca.gov/headquarters-sacramento/location/>

The CalEPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5261 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may contact us using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

All visitors to the CalEPA Headquarters Building are required to sign in and obtain a visitor's badge at the Visitor Services Center located just inside the main entrance (10th Street entrance). Valid picture identification may be required. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving security clearance.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please direct inquiries concerning this notice to staff lead Stephanie Holstege, Senior Environmental Scientist Specialist at [Stephanie.Holstege@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Holstege@waterboards.ca.gov). Additional information is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/)

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April 4, 2022  
Date

  
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Clerk to the Board