

Felicia Marcus
Chairwoman
California Water Resources Control Board



Dear Chair Marcus

It would be a profound state tragedy if your board does not take further actions to address Imperial Valley Risk and the Salton Sea.

Imperial Valley was a miracle and represents a perfect example of American Ingenuity, Vision, Fortitude, Persistence, grit and hope. Over 100 years ago they appropriated what is now one of the most valuable and strategic water rights in the country. They built by hand the maze of canals to divert 3 million acre feet of water and made the desert bloom, into one of the most productive food producers in U>S>A> Desert Miracle 2, will require your assistance in guiding the state into quickly and efficiently living up to its promise of indemnifying the IID from catastrophic damage and protecting the state's resources. (2017 is but a blink away)

Studying this issue, more than decades already expended and tens of millions of dollars would be a false effort, not productive, putting thousands at risk. We are praying for your leadership. The wonderful bird population that stops in at the Sea needs us and relies on our deep moral principles to protect nature. Your stewardship of this valuable resource requires a best effort...

I have been a proponent of water conservation in this valley for over 30 years. Concepts to introduce state of the art methods with creative plans of assuring millions on coast of emergency water sharing on fair and equitable terms and conditions, has been our goal. The IID has never been a problem in facilitating mutual benefits and now expects the state to live up to its bargain in the QSA> The QSA would never have been signed without the protection of the state and 40 million beneficiaries. 170,000 valley citizens could never be responsible for such a massive liability while providing such a massive benefit....Clearly the responsibility lies directly with the state, and not the honest rate-payers of the Imperial Valley.

I must respectfully object to your statement page 3 paragraph 3 Third point: " making approval of the transfer contingent on restoration of the Salton Sea has the potential to "unravel " the complex series of agreements that make up the QSA, which would have significant water supply implications for the state." Clearly, the agreements would be reconstructed quickly, and in Jan 2010 the QSA was invalidated...but put back on track quickly.

California has a 4.4 million AF apportionment of Colorado river...Previously thanks to IID Vision, it was as high as 7 million AF. 50 years ago 4.4 was agreed. Before and After the QSA, the state had 4.4 million AF and this was never a question....The AG component was 3.85 with IID using all excess water after satisfying other ag agencies, leaving about 3.3 million acre for IID....Quantification of AG component left IID with 3.1 million af.

Before and after QSA, CA had 4.4 million af BUT after QSA IID was cut back to 2.6 million AF...the state was never at risk of losing CO River Water..

QSA took aim at IID and clearly IID suffered a massive loss of its priority water leaving billions in risk and liability behind....Every Drop Of Water That Leaves the Valley Creates a Liability for IID.... so we are left with 170,000 rate payers vs 40 million beneficiaries.! An unrealistic burden.

The Resources Agency published its study of Salton Sea Restoration and Preferred Alternative and Funding plan...The preferred alternative was projected to cost \$8.9 billion and has yet to be funded.....2017 is a critical year...The state has had 12 years to demonstrate fair dealing, the work has been done....The IID petition is life or death for Imperial Valley... The state should live up to moral and contractual principles and obligations.

Clearly the state has responsibility in a whole variety of ways to pay now for the promise to restore Salton Sea...It is imperative and hoped that the State Water Resources Control Board will live up to its reputation as a fair and honest broker of such critical matters. Demonstrating leadership now as state sinks into crisis-panic, would pay great dividends in dealing with long term drought at hand.

3 questions you ask on page 4 all have the same answer...1. instruct the state to pay 8.9 billion to start restoration 2. first priority is to focus on payment now. 3. Changes should require state to live up to its bargain or allow IID to survive by modification of your Revised Order WRO 2002-0013

Thank you for your leadership in calling for this workshop. I hope the citizens of Imperial may get a chance to learn first hand about this valuable process, including a presentation in El Centro, that can emphatically impact their future....

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Havens

We live in a world where Political Power has assumed a dominating role and leaves the vast majority of US Citizens left in the dust.

Growing up in Midwest, I marveled at California and its progressive nature....environmental sensitivity and attention to people's needs.

My hope is that the SWRCB can set a new path back to sound moral values and rock solid principles of right and wrong...

My opinion is that your board is currently unique and more likely to focus on high principles and moral values...

Truth to power.-----Honest vs deception -----Sincere vs manipulation-----Fortitude vs apathy---Action vs passive blah

The development of Imperial Valley was a true miracle and wonderful example of American creativity, ingenuity and vision....and a make it happen attitude...combined with willingness to bear pain of the hostile environment while creating one of best examples of productive success in American History....done the old fashioned way....focus and very hard work...(without which CA would not have this High priority water)

I hope the decision is made as IID Petition asks, for the state to illustrate its highest moral principles and do what it promised...Quickly and efficiently agree to indemnify this small but profoundly productive community to continue to grow food -- 170,000 hardworking citizens of a very poor community providing massive benefits to 40 Million deserves your special attention.

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