

March 11, 2015

State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Ms. Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board

Dear Mrs. Townsend:

This letter is to request your collaboration with the following: For some years, the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has been required to transfer water from Colorado River to other cities in need of water. This requirement has limited the amount of irrigation water for agriculture in the Imperial Valley. Consequently, Salton Sea, which is supplied with irrigation water, has declined drastically in its water levels.

The decrease of the water levels and the increase in salinity in the Salton Sea, will bring serious consequences for the business community at the Mexicali, Coachella, and Imperial Valleys. The decrease of the water levels which are a result of the water transfers under the agreement known as the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) will expose the environment to thousands of acres of sediment from the lake. The emissions of these sediments will significantly worsen the already affected air quality in both Valleys. At the same time, this will cause heart disease, asthma, lung cancer, and other health problems for the residents of both Valleys. The salinity levels will increase very significantly in 2017, which is the year when the provisional Order issued by the State Water Resources Control Board will expire, this will threaten to destroy Salton Sea's ecosystem.

We will greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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