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Dear Janine Townsend, Clerk of the Board:

Do nothing and we all suffer.

The Salton Sea is too precious to waste. Millions of dollars has already been spent on studies, only to conclude that we need to do something. And fast.

Had I known when I purchased my home here in 2001 that the available runoff that has sustained the Sea for almost 100 years would be cut off, (Thanks 2003 QSA) I probably wouldn't be here now.

The infamous Tilapia die-offs in 2012 literally crippled the economy here. I personally lost several days of wages because the Salton Sea Beach Marina had to close due to the poor air quality. Days later, the stench was apparent as far away as Ventura County.

Then the Salton Sea got noticed.

We had a dust storm here on Christmas and the following day that left mounds of fine blow sand everywhere. Just imagine that most of it is from the exposed shoreline that contains pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals. Not too pleasant, is it? Then imagine yourself breathing it in while you clean up with your children nearby. Now imagine this happening for the next umpteen years.

The only viable solution to saving the Salton Sea is building infrastructure to connect the Salton Sea with the Sea of Cortez. Will it be expensive? Sure. Will it require international relations with Mexico? Absolutely. Will it save lives? No doubt.

We want a total restoration of the Salton Sea. A Sea where we can get in our boat and cruise to the North Shore at whim. A Sea where we can water ski out on it its 54-foot middle depth. A Sea where we can let the wind guide our sailboat. A Sea where we can fish and land the big and feisty Corvina. A Sea by which we can watch the wonder of sunrises, sunsets and the stars.

With your commitment to a sustainable restoration of our great Salton Sea, you ensure great economic development, ecological abundance and a happy and close community.

The time is now.

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