

December 29, 2015

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resource Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA. 95814



Re: Comment Letter: Salton Sea Workshop, January 5, 2016

Dear Ms. Townsend:

As a private stakeholder at Salton City Vista Del Mar, and on behalf of the thousands of other property owners and residents who live and work in the area unable to travel to Sacramento for this workshop, we urge the State to allocate \$150 million from the prop 1 water bond to begin immediate Salton Sea Restoration. The Salton Sea Authority (SWIFT) plan is a step in the right direction but expanded.

As you can see by the attached photos, the sea is decreasing at an alarming rate, approximately 91 ft. since the summer on the north shore near Salton City. This is causing noxious smells, dead fish, unusable shoreline for human use and people are getting sick. The South Coast Air Quality Management District issued several odor advisories this summer. The residents of Salton Sea should not be subjected to these kinds of harmful gases and dust causing people to get sick. The Salton Sea needs to be given higher priority compared to other State projects being considered.

Any Salton Sea Restoration plans considered should include the following criteria:

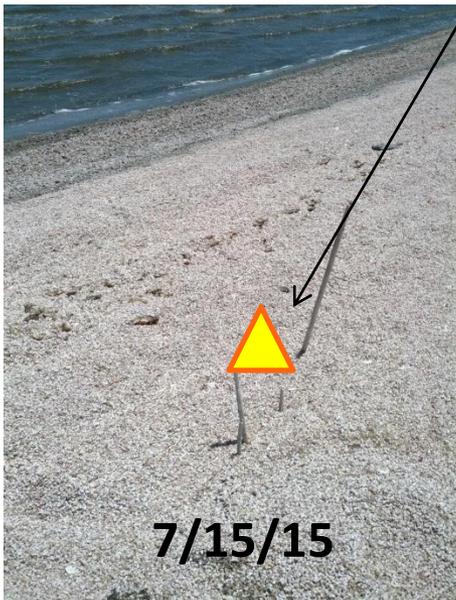
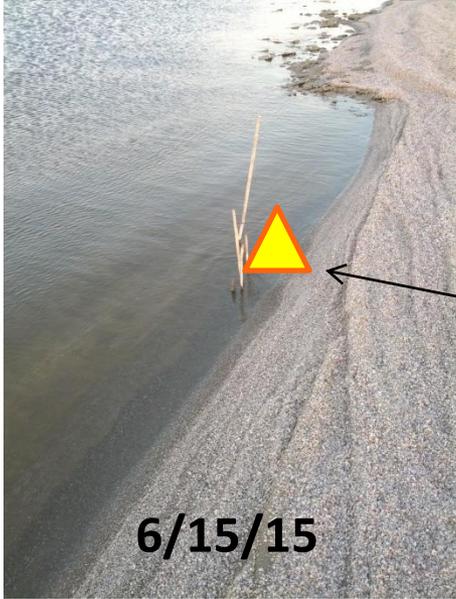
- A. Maintain shoreline – Clean odor free water for human use including fishing, boating, etc.
- B. Pacific Flyway – 95% of wetland in California destroyed. Salton Sea replaces this.
- C. Dust/Odor Control – Area already has highest asthma rates in the state.
- D. Renewable Energy – Take advantage of the abundant geothermal and minerals available
- E. Wildlife Habitat – Increase wetlands for fish and birds.
- F. Scalable- Compatible with future water imports (i.e. Sea to Sea canal).
- G. Promote development – The area can become an economic engine or continue to decline costing the State billions of dollars.

Imperial county farming and agriculture near the Salton Sea produce over 80% of the winter crop. This food supply for the entire country is in serious jeopardy if this body of water dries up thus eliminating favorable growing conditions.

Sincerely,

Mark Adams
Salton Sea Private Stakeholder

Salton Sea Receding Shoreline 2015



Pacific Flyway

