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The Honorable Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Imperial Irrigation District Petition

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

The Coalition of Labor, Agriculture, and Business (COLAB) of Imperial Valley is an organization representing the interests of the business community, including farmers in Imperial County. We wish to extend our support for the recently filed Imperial Irrigation District's Petition requesting your Board to convene key stakeholders and prioritize Salton Sea restoration efforts.

As indicated in the Petition, mitigation water currently delivered to the Salton Sea under the Quantification Settlement Agreement will cease in 2017. Undoubtedly this will result in further decline of current water levels and exposure of thousands of acres of highly emissive lakebed. If no immediate course of action is put in place now, the impacts to the environment, public health and the local economy will be worsened. We also believe that communities beyond those closest to the Sea will experience many of the same challenges.

As stakeholders and beneficiaries of IID, we support the need to bring other parties to the QSA together to find a solution and implement that agreed upon solution. Time is short and we need and will require our trustee (IID) to ensure that all of the provisions of the QSA are met, with a viable plan in place prior to the cessation of the mitigation water to the Salton Sea.

We believe the IID Petition and your Board's involvement in this important matter can change the Salton Sea from a talking point to an opportunity to find a viable and long-lasting solution. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Kay Pricola, Executive Director

cc: Steve Benson, President, Imperial Irrigation District
Peter Osterkamp, President, COLAB