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Felicia Marcus, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Re: Imperial Irrigation District Petition for Modification of Revised Water  
Rights Order 2002-0013

Dear Madam Chair:

On behalf of the residents of the County of Imperial, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors urges the State Water Resources Control Board accept and act upon the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Petition for Modification of Revised Water Rights Order 2002-0013 as requested.

In reviewing the conditions of the SWRCB permit approved in 2002, it is interesting for us to note that a majority of those conditions relate directly or indirectly to issues pertaining to the Salton Sea. It is also well-known that the State Board was vitally concerned with those issues during its deliberations on the permit at that time. Given the State Board's ongoing jurisdiction of the transfer permit, and the lack of development and implementation of long-term solutions for the Salton Sea that were envisioned in 2002, it seems to us fitting and proper that the SWRCB should take a fresh look at this situation, as requested by IID's recent petition.

The County of Imperial has persistently voiced its concerns about the impacts of the IID-SDCWA water transfer on the Salton Sea and the residents of our county. After 12 years of relative inaction on this problem, we are now faced with the fact that if steps are not taken immediately to address the situation at the Salton Sea, as a result of termination of mitigation water in 2017, windblown dust emissions will certainly worsen our area's already challenged air quality. The Environmental Protection Agency currently designates the Imperial County as a "serious" PM10 non-attainment area. In addition, Imperial County is ranked amongst the highest for child and adult asthma in the state.

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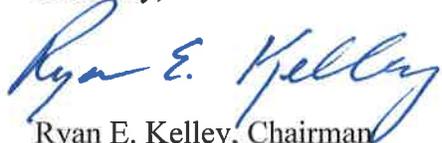
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Additional devastating public health and socio-economic hazards are graphically spelled out in the Pacific Institute's recent report on this subject.

We hereby join with IID, and many other concerned parties in respectfully requesting that the State Water Resources Control Board exercise its authority and re-open a dialogue to address this critical and long-overlooked crisis. We further request that the County of Imperial be included as a stakeholder in any and all meetings, workshops or hearings convened as part of this process.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests, and we look forward to working with your agency in finding constructive solutions to these important issues.

Sincerely,



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