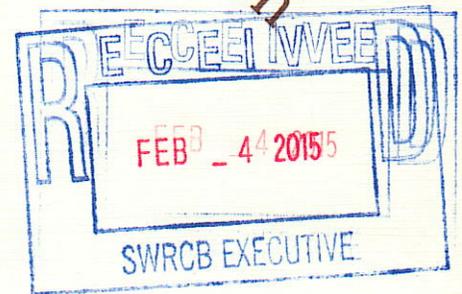


Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association

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January 19, 2015

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

RE: Support for Imperial Irrigation District Petition

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association, an organization representing the interest of farmers in Imperial County wishes to extend its support for the recently filed Imperial Irrigation District's petition requesting your board to convene key stakeholders and prioritize Salton Sea restoration efforts.

Mitigation water currently delivered to the Salton Sea under the Quantification Settlement Agreement will stop 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. The impact to our growers, who contribute significantly to our agricultural based economy could be significant. 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 up on solution. Time is short and we do need and will require our trustee (IID) to insure that all the provisions of the QSA are met, and 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 as 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
Wheeler Morgan, President, IVVGA