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## State Water Resources Control Board

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

#### UPDATE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

**This item will not be heard before 11:00 a.m.**

Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building  
Coastal Hearing Room  
1001 I Street, Second Floor  
Sacramento, CA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop at their regularly scheduled Board Meeting to receive information and solicit public input regarding the status of the Salton Sea Management Program.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. established the Salton Sea Task Force (Task Force) in May, 2015. The Task Force includes experts from the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies, including representatives from the State Water Board. The Task Force has sought input from tribal leaders, federal agencies, local water districts, local leaders, and other public and private stakeholders with an interest in the Salton Sea. The Task Force relied on information gathered during these meetings to produce its recommendations, which were released on October 9, 2015, and included a description of the principles necessary for a successful Salton Sea Management Program. In addition, Governor Brown appointed Bruce Wilcox as assistant secretary for Salton Sea Policy at the Natural Resources Agency to oversee habitat restoration efforts along the shoreline of the Salton Sea.

On March 18, 2015, the State Water Board held a workshop to solicit comments regarding the status of the Salton Sea and the State Water Board's [Revised Order WRO 2002-0013](#). As a part of the Task Force, the State Water Board regularly monitors and assesses progress on the implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program, and periodically holds public workshops as part of this function. The State Water Board has held workshops for this purpose in January, April, and August.

For more information about the background and history of the State Water Board's involvement with the Salton Sea, please visit the State Water Board's web page at:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/)

## ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT WORKSHOP

The purpose of the November 15, 2016 workshop is for the State Water Board to receive information related to the Salton Sea Management Program, including but not limited to the following:

- An update on the Salton Sea Management Program and related activities;
- An update on local efforts related to dust suppression and air quality monitoring within the Salton Sea Air Basin; and
- A summary of cost-effective dust suppression strategies for exposed playa in areas outside of the Salton Sea Air Basin and current research on approaches to suppress dust to protect public health.

The State Water Board is currently developing panels to provide for organized presentation of this information.

The workshop is also an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board regarding the issues for discussion at the workshop.

## SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons must submit written comments by 12:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 10, 2016**.

For submittals less than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should email the submittal to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov). Please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter: Salton Sea”**.

For submittals more than 15 megabytes in total size, interested persons should (1) email a summary of their written information to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, at [commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov); and (2) mail or hand deliver any additional information on a CD/DVD. For emails and other correspondence, please indicate in the subject line: **“Comment Letter: Salton Sea”**.

Mail should be received by the comment deadline indicated above and addressed as follows:

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

Hand deliveries should be delivered by the comment deadline indicated above to the following address:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building  
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA

Interested persons with hand deliveries must check in with the Visitor and Environmental Services Center on the first floor of the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building who will contact State Water Board staff to pick up any hand deliveries. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

This workshop will be held as part of a routine meeting of the State Water Board. This workshop is for informational purposes and no formal action will be taken. While a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take formal action at the workshop. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of interested persons, but the State Water Board and its staff may ask clarifying questions.

In addition to the content described above, the workshop is an opportunity for interested persons to provide input to the State Water Board. At the workshop, interested persons will be given an opportunity to summarize and supplement any written comments with oral presentations. To ensure a productive and efficient meeting in which all interested persons have an opportunity to participate, oral comments or presentations at the workshops may be time-limited. For other presentation recommendations, please go to the State Water Board's web site at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/meetings/board\\_presentations.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/meetings/board_presentations.shtml). Any presentation materials must be submitted in accordance with the same procedures for written comments described above, except that (1) the subject line should indicate: "**Presentation: Salton Sea**" and (2) presentations must be submitted in electronic Powerpoint (.pptx) format.

### **WEBCAST OF WORKSHOP**

A broadcast of the meeting will be available at: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

### **TRAVEL, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY**

Information regarding travel to the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building is available at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>

The Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Shyla Hoffman, at (916) 341-5881, at least five working days prior to the meeting.


Persons with hearing or speech impairments may contact us using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register with security staff prior to attending any meeting. To sign in and receive a visitor's badge, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, located just inside and to the left of the Joe Serna, Jr.-CalEPA Headquarters Building's main public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building's security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state or federal identification card. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take up to 15 minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to the workshop.

**INFORMATION REGARDING WORKSHOP**

Please direct any inquiries concerning this notice to Matthew McCarthy, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (916) 341-5310 or [Matthew.McCarthy@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Matthew.McCarthy@waterboards.ca.gov). Additional information is available at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/)

November 3, 2016  
Date

  
Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board