

Salton Sea Management Program  
Status Report 3  
Month of April 2016

This is the third in a series of monthly status reports that will provide information on various aspects of the State of California's Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) conducted during the previous month.

- The Salton Sea Management Program web page address is: [resources.ca.gov/salton-sea](http://resources.ca.gov/salton-sea). The web page serves as a centralized site for the dissemination of information on the state's Salton Sea Management Program. It also contains a schedule of upcoming advisory committee meetings and material from those meetings. A schedule of upcoming public workshops is also included on the web page.
- California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) met with representatives from the Torres-Martinez on 07 April, 2016 to discuss SSMP projects on the north end of the Salton Sea. Discussions at the meeting included the potential for shallow groundwater extraction, enhanced vegetation as a dust suppression method and other land use issues.
- Department of Water Resources (DWR) and CNRA met with the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) on 09 April, 2016 to discuss additional funding for the Species Conservation Project. DWR will prepare a grant application for consideration by the WCB.
- CNRA spoke in favor of revised Air Quality Mitigation Rule 804 at the 12 April, 2016 Imperial County Board of Supervisors meeting. The revisions to Rule 804 will allow for the development of additional dust suppression techniques that can be considered for approval as Best Available Control Measures.
- The Long Range Planning Committee met on 13 April, 2016 to discuss several water quality ideas. Presentations were made on algal treatment wetlands, bioreactor treatment and vegetation treatment via floating islands. These and other ideas will be considered for treatment of inflow water to the created habitat around the Salton Sea. The presentations are included on the Salton Sea web page ([naturalresources.ca.gov/salton-sea](http://naturalresources.ca.gov/salton-sea)). The Outreach Committee also requested additional information on process, projected cost and schedule from several of the presenters of water import scenarios. Additional Long Range Planning meetings are scheduled to discuss additional water quality, agricultural use, lake water elevation targets and other issues as they are identified.
- Bureau of Reclamation and CNRA participated in a Tribal workshop on 15 April, 2016 to discuss Salton Sea and air quality issues.
- CNRA met with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss Salton Sea issues and devise a plan for coordination of water quality issues.
- The Outreach Committee met on two occasions (02 and 27 April, 2016) to finalize dates for the SSMP Public Workshops and to discuss methods to better involve disadvantaged communities and address environmental justice issues.
- DWR Division of Engineering coordinated with Imperial Irrigation District (IID) on the water delivery infrastructure component of the SSRREI project. DWR provided examples of the

feasibility analysis for the perimeter lake portion of the SSMP to IID for review and to use as guidance for preparing a similar feasibility analysis for the SSRREI backbone portion of the SSMP. IID will submit that information in mid-May.

- IID will prepare a preliminary schedule and cost for design of the SSRREI water infrastructure backbone and submit it to the State of California for consideration.
- CNRA presented testimony to update the status of the SSMP to the State Water Board on 19 April, 2016 and to the Little Hoover Commission on 25 April, 2016.
- CNRA met with Imperial County to discuss streamlined environmental and permitting process for the SSMP. Imperial County will develop some potential ideas for streamlining the County process and provide them to CNRA for review and comment.
- Salton Sea Authority and CNRA participated in a panel discussion of the Salton Sea at the UC-Riverside Palm Desert campus on 28 April, 2016 with the director of the Breaking Bad documentary.