

Salton Sea Management Program
Status Report 1
Month of February 2016

This will be the first of 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 state has formed a series of advisory committees that will assist in the development of the Salton Sea Management Program. The schedule for upcoming committee meetings, agendas and summaries of past meetings are included under the Advisory Committee section of this web page. All meetings are open for the public to attend.

- The Salton Sea Management Program web page was launched in February, 2016. The web address is: resources.ca.gov/salton-sea. Additional refinements will be made to the web page as necessary over the course of the development and implementation of the SSMP. The web page will serve as a centralized site for the dissemination of information on the state's Salton Sea Management Program.
- The Long Range Planning Committee met on 24 and 25 February, 2016 to evaluate a series of presentation on importing water to the Salton Sea. The individual presentations are included under the Long Range Committee section of this web page. The committee will review the presentations and provide a written summary of their comments in the next few weeks. The summary will be posted on this web page when completed. The importation of water will be evaluated as a potential long range management strategy for the Salton Sea. Additional Long Range Planning Committee meetings will be scheduled to long at water treatment as a potential management strategy.
- The Outreach Committee met on 29 February, 2016 and began preparations for a series of public meetings that will start in early April. These meetings will be scheduled at various locations around the Salton Sea and will be advertised in local media. The time and location of the meetings will also be posted on this web page. The meetings will include accommodations for Spanish speaking attendees. The purpose of the meetings will be to explain the preliminary Salton Sea Management Program and solicit input on the program from local stakeholders. This input will be used to refine or change the program. Additional meetings will be scheduled during the program development process.
- The Funding Committee met on 03 February, 2016 to discuss future funding opportunities. In addition it was announced that the Salton Sea Authority has received a grant from the NRCS for water quality and wetland work around the Salton Sea.

IID and DWR/CNRA met for a preliminary discussion on the design for the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative (Initiative) water delivery infrastructure system. IID indicated that they would provide some revised concepts for the Initiative backbone to the state for use in

developing construction level plans. They will also supply preliminary plans to the state for the development of the construction level documents. The Initiative infrastructure backbone is the first component in the development of the Initiative project. The state will use the IID concept plans to begin the design of habitat and air quality projects in the first phase of the Initiative. These designs will be presented to the project committee for discussion once completed.

- The preliminary feasibility analysis for the Perimeter Lake project was completed by Tetrattech Consultants, for the Salton Sea Authority in February, 2016. The state Division of Engineering (DOE) will review the feasibility analysis in the coming weeks. Findings from this analysis will be shared with the project committee once completed.