

Salton Sea Management Program
Status Report 2
Month of March 2016

This is the second 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. 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 will also be included on the web page.
- The Long Range Planning Committee is still evaluating the proposed projects presented in the 24 and 25 April workshop. The Committee met several times in March to discuss the presentations, compile notes and develop a final analysis process. There have been delays in finalizing an analysis process that adequately evaluates the various aspects of the proposed projects. Additionally, several of the presentations did not have all of the information requested and we are waiting for information from those presenters. After resolution of these issues the results of the evaluation will be posted on the Salton Sea web page. Based on the results of the evaluation the state may include water import plans in the long range plan due in December, 2016. If water import projects are included in the plan additional evaluation, environmental documentation and agreements will be required for those projects. Decisions on funding for development of those projects will be made at a later date. The State's priority is the implementation of the short term projects.
- The Long Range Planning Committee has also scheduled a meeting on 13 April, 2016 to discuss water quality treatment processes for the Salton Sea. The committee has reached out to several water treatment proponents who will be presenting their programs at the meeting (some will be presenting remotely). Details and a preliminary agenda are included on the CNRA web page.
- The Outreach Committee met several times in March to discuss the upcoming public meetings and to start preparation of outreach documentation. Schedules for the upcoming public workshops and other meetings are included on the web page.
- IID and the State met several times in March to discuss the feasibility analysis process for the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative (Initiative). IID provided a preliminary report on the Initiative on 30 March, 2016. Additional work will be required and we are in the process of scheduling an additional meeting with IID.
- IID and the State met on 14 March to discuss the preliminary results of the revised hydrology analysis for the Salton Sea. IID will continue work to finalize the hydrology report for submittal and review.
- The State met with the Little Hoover Commission on 07 March, 2016 to discuss progress on Salton Sea issues.

- State representatives presented the Salton Sea Management Program as part of a panel discussion on Salton Sea at the Imperial Valley Energy Summit and presented to the Salton Sea Action Committee and to several local community groups in March.
- The State met with Imperial County Farm Bureau, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.C.-Irvine and Salton Sea Authority on developing a work plan for NRCS Salton Sea Authority grant.
- The State met with Council on Environmental Quality, Senator Boxer's office, EPA and Department of Energy in DC to discuss Salton Sea issues and potential funding sources. Imperial County, IID and the Salton Sea Authority also attended many of the meetings.
- Department of Water Resources Division of Engineering (DOE) spent two days in the field evaluating the Species Conservation Habitat site and the sites for other proposed projects for Salton Sea Management Program. They also continued their evaluation of the SCH project in preparation of developing bid documents.
- The State participated in the ribbon cutting for the boat launch at the Salton Sea State Recreation Area.
- DOE met several times with the Salton Sea Authority and completed the feasibility analysis of the perimeter lake project and found no fatal engineering issues in the preliminary design. DOE is current developing a scope for the proposed construction of some test berms (similar to SCH) that may be constructed in selected areas of the lake.
- The State met on two occasions with the Comite Civico Del Valle (CCV Health) to discuss outreach for disadvantage communities.
- The state completed a report of "shovel-ready" projects as identified in AB 1095 (See Salton Sea web page).