

Salton Sea Management Program
Status Report 10
November, 2016

This is the tenth 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 month of November.

- 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.
- California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) met with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) on 02, 09 and 30 November to hear the status of Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) final permits and authorizations and to discuss the preliminary work underway for a monitoring program for created habitat.
- California Department of Water Resources (DWR), DFW and CNRA held a monthly coordination meeting to discuss issues relating to the SCH and development of the SSMP on 02 November.
- CNRA met with DWR on 07, 14, 17 and 28 November to discuss upcoming interviews for on call contract advertisement, SCH issues and development of the SSMP. DWR continues to meet weekly with the Division of Engineering SCH team to discuss issues in the preparation of the SCH bid package. DWR also met with Imperial County on permit requirements and with IID and other land owners on easement and access issues.
- DWR and the DWR Engineering group conducted a field visit to the SCH site on 02-04 November to review site conditions and conduct discussions with local landowners and Imperial County. One of the local landowners indicated that they would not allow an easement across their land for the saline pipeline. This will require rerouting the pipeline to avoid that particular parcel of land.
- On 03 November CNRA participated in a San Diego County Water Authority tour of Imperial Valley and the Salton Sea and lead a discussed on the SSMP.
- CNRA and SSA presented the SSMP to the Coachella Valley Environmental Leadership Class.
- On 04 November Department of Interior (DOI) and CNRA discussed the development of a short term Salton Sea plan with specific milestones.
- CNRA held a Long Range Planning Committee meeting on 07 November and discussed the Phase I Ten Year Plan and how it would impact the Long Range Plan under development. No decisions were reached about the long Range Plan; but it was agreed that CNRA would look at the process to determine what changes might be necessary.
- CNRA and several advocacy groups held a teleconference call on 08 November to discuss the potential for AB 2087 being used at the Salton Sea as a potential funding mechanism. The bill authorizes an agency with land use planning authority to develop a regional conservation plan that could contain funding provisions for the habitat being conserved.
- SSA, CNRA and the Region 7 Water Quality Control Board met to discuss the potential for funding of a series of wetland treatment facilities near the Salton Sea. The discussion included

the development of several different types of treatment systems to evaluate their efficacy for treating inflow water to the constructed habitat areas.

- CNRA met on 10 November with the SWRCB to discuss the logistics of the upcoming Salton Sea workshop.
- CNRA presented the SSMP to the EL Centro Rotary Club at their monthly meeting on 10 November.
- CNRA participated in the SWRCB Salton Sea workshop on 15 November.
- CNRA held a teleconference with California Air Resources Control Board to discuss the proposed toxics monitoring program and general issues related to the SSMP.
- On 18 November DWR and CNRA conducted interviews with firms that responded to the on call contract request for qualifications.
- CNRA attend a town hall meeting on 19 November to discuss the Salton Sea boat launch and harbor connection issues with concerned citizens.
- CNRA met with an area farmer to discuss his plan for converting fallowed farmland into wetlands and claiming air quality offset credits for the development. CNRA discussed the more pressing need to cover exposed playa as part of the air quality mitigation program.
- CNRA and DOI held a teleconference on 22 November to discuss the development of the Phase I Ten Year plan.
- A Long Range Planning Committee meeting was held on 28 November to present the revised Phase I Ten Year plan.
- CNRA and IID met on 29 November to discuss the Phase I Ten Year Plan, Financial Assistance projects and air quality mitigation.
- U.S. Navy, Imperial County, IID and CNRA met on 30 November to discuss AB 2087- Regional Conservation Framework Plans and the potential to develop one for the Known Geothermal Resource Area at the Salton Sea.