

Salton Sea Management Program
Status Report 9
October, 2016

This is the ninth 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 October, 2016.

- 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 07, 19 and 26 October to discuss the Species Conservation Habitat (SCH) permits and authorizations and to start developing a monitoring program for created habitat.
- DFW, CNRA and California Department of Water Resources (DWR) held a monthly coordination meeting to discuss issues relating to the SCH and development of the SSMP.
- CNRA met with DWR on 10, 17, 20, 24, 26 and 31 October to discuss on call contract advertisement, SCH and 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 meet with Imperial County on permit requirements and with IID and other land owners on easement and access issues.
- CNRA met with Audubon on 04 October to discuss the habitat analysis process for the Salton Sea.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, CNRA, Farm Bureau, Vegetable Growers and Natural Resources Conservation Service met to discuss the contracting process for the Salton Sea Authority's (SSA) grant program.
- CNRA met with a Salton Sea geothermal developer on 07 October to discuss their access needs for development of geothermal along the east side of the Salton Sea.
- CNRA met with SSA on 10 October to discuss Long Range Plan and funding issues.
- On 12 October SSA, Imperial County and CNRA met to discuss the responses to the County's letter of interest for dust suppression pilot projects.
- CNRA and SSA met with U.C. Irvine to discuss the potential for a graduate student to participate in the Long Range Planning process on 13 October.
- CNRA also met with SSA to discuss the Long Range Planning process on 13 October.
- CNRA and IID met on 14 October to discuss SMP, easement and contract issues and air quality mitigation.
- DWR, IID and CNRA had a conference call on 17 October to discuss access and easement issues for the SCH project. It was confirmed that DWR will complete the title searches and other information necessary for the easement process.
- The SSMP Outreach Committee met on 18 October.
- CNRA presented the SSMP at the California Geothermal Conference on 20 October.

- CNRA, Department of Interior (DOI) and advocacy groups met representatives from the Water Funder Initiative on 20 October to discuss the SSMP and potential for funding of various aspects of the program.
- On 21 October CNRA participated in a meeting to discuss State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) upcoming workshop on Salton Sea.
- CNRA met with National Renewable Energy Laboratory to discuss geothermal development at the Salton Sea.
- CNRA presented at the Imperial County Environmental Justice Summit on 22 October.
- SSA and CNRA met with representative from University of California – Riverside to discuss the Science Committee process.
- CNRA participated on a discussion panel on the Salton Sea at the Southern California Energy, Water and Green Living Summit on 27 October.
- CNRA attended the Clinton Health Matters Initiative forum on 28 October.
- CNRA attended the Salton Sea Action Committee meeting on 31 October and gave an update on the SSMP.