

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson
Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 27, 2004

SUBJECT: Supporting the Salton Sea Authority Joint Powers Authority Amendments

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

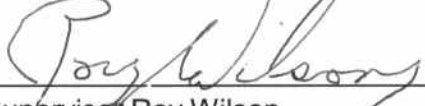
That the Board of Supervisors approve the following amendments to the Joint Powers of Authority of the Salton Sea Authority:

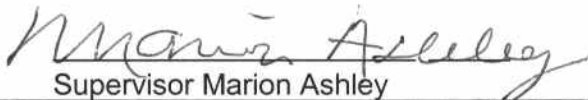
1. Authorize the addition of the Torres Martinez Tribe as a full member of the Salton Sea Authority; and
2. Authorize an expansion of the Salton Sea Authority boundaries as described on the attached map.

BACKGROUND: The Salton Sea Board is currently constituted of representatives from Riverside County, Imperial County, Coachella Valley Water District, as well as Imperial Irrigation District. This Authority has the principal responsibility for the improvement and restoration of the Salton Sea. The operation of the Salton Sea Authority had made the need for certain changes apparent. The first is an expansion of the number of governmental agencies involved. The Torres Martinez Tribe is an obvious and valued stakeholder in the Salton Sea Authority area. State legislation in 2002 was passed to allow the Tribe to participate as a full member of the Salton Sea Authority. The attached Amendment No. 1 allows the Tribe to participate as a member in a similar way to the other agencies. (Some adjustments were necessary to maintain Tribal sovereignty.)

Secondly, the land boundaries of the Salton Sea Authority are being recommended for expansion to allow for a roughly five-mile radius around the Sea. This expansion should allow for a more successful formation of an Infrastructure Finance District to allow restoration funds when desired. The proposed boundaries are shown on Attachment No. 2. Generally, the boundaries are to remain unchanged in the southern half of the Sea because they are already near the five-mile mark and there are limited views of the Sea and other constraints. The proposed boundaries follow the Coachella Valley Water District boundary in the northeast area. A small notch in the north reflects the exclusion of the Riverside County Project Area in Mecca.

These proposed changes should allow the Salton Sea Authority to continue its leadership role and provide the necessary resources for this critical effort. Board consideration and approval of these amendments is greatly appreciated.


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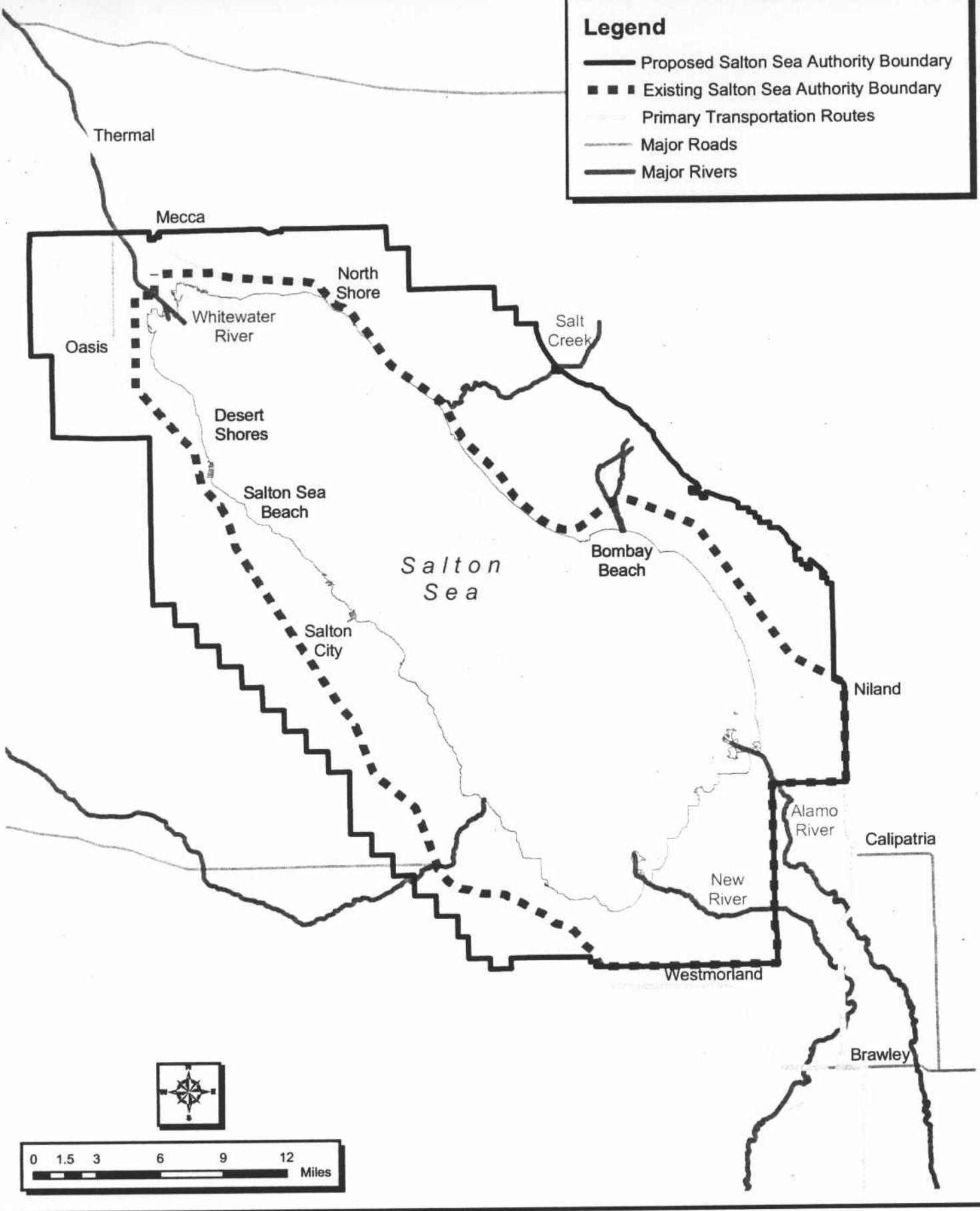
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ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

3.45

Legend

- Proposed Salton Sea Authority Boundary
- ■ ■ Existing Salton Sea Authority Boundary
- Primary Transportation Routes
- Major Roads
- Major Rivers



**Salton Sea Authority Boundary Study
Proposed Versus Current Boundaries**

Salton Sea Authority Boundaries Exhibit A

