

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Salton Sea Authority Monetary Contribution for the Salton Sea Authority Project Committee

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the contribution of \$30,000 for the continuation of the Salton Sea Project Committee to evaluate the Lake Elsinore concept as a viable option for the Salton Sea, and
2. Direct the Executive Office to make payment on behalf of the County

BACKGROUND: The Salton Sea Authority board members at their meeting of April 28, 2011, approved the annual budget and contribution for the Salton Sea Project Committee for fiscal year 2011-2012. The County of Riverside's contribution for the Salton Sea Project Committee is \$30,000. The meeting agenda is attached.

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Michael R. Shetler

Michael R. Shetler, Senior Management Analyst

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 30,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 30,000	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 30,000	For Fiscal Year:	2011/2012

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Legislative Admin Services	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Christopher M. Hans*
Christopher M. Hans

County Executive Office Signature

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent

Dept's Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 4 & 5

Agenda Number:

ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Departmental Concurrence

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SUBJECT: Salton Sea Authority Monetary Contribution for the Salton Sea Authority Project Committee

BACKGROUND Continued:

In June 2010, the members of the Salton Sea Authority Board organized the Salton Sea Project Committee to formulate a conceptual process for funding projects that would move the restoration of the Salton Sea forward. The Lake Elsinore Levee and Aeration Project was determined to be a viable project that was completed and could be used as a model on how to proceed. A consultant with experience with the Lake Elsinore Project was hired to assist the Salton Sea Authority to study how the Salton Sea Restoration Project could benefit from lessons learned. The analysis that the consultant provided has gained momentum and the Salton Sea Authority voted to extend the work and continue the process for finding viable public/private partnerships to fund the Salton Sea Authority's preferred restoration alternative. The meeting agenda and budget detail from the April 28, 2011 meeting is attached.

**AGENDA PACKET
FOR TWO
MEETINGS: SSA &
PROJECT
COMMITTEE**

**PART 1 – SSA
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DATE: Thursday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Imperial Irrigation District
Bill Condit Auditorium
1285 Broadway Avenue
El Centro, CA 92243
(760) 482-9618

CALL TO ORDER:

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Board relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction. This time is reserved for matters not already on the Agenda. Remarks shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes unless additional time is authorized by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Update on Activities

CONSENT CALENDAR – Approve, Receive and File:

- A. Minutes for March 24, 2011 Attachment A, 3 Pages
- B. Warrant Register Ratification for: 03/01/2010 –03/31/2011, Attachment B, 1 Page
- C. Cash Flow Projection for: 04/01/2010 – 06/30/2011, Attachment C, 1 Page

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Audit FY 2010/2011: Distributed at Meeting
- B. Update on S.B. 51 (Salton Sea Restoration Council): Attachment D, 8 Pages
- C. Stakeholders: PowerPoint Presentation – April 12th State DWR/DFG Meeting in Palm Desert
- D. Budget FY 2011/2012: Discussion/Possible Approval – Attachment E, 3 Pages

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING TIME & LOCATION:

May 26, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
53990 Enterprise Way
Coachella, Ca 92236
(760) 398-2651

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ATTACHMENT A

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Board of Directors (Board) was called to order by President Marion Ashley Board President, at 10:05 a.m., October 28, 2010 at Coachella Valley Water District, Dr. Forbes Auditorium, 85-995 Avenue 52, Coachella, CA 92236.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PRESENT

Marion Ashley, President
Jim Hanks, Secretary
John J. Benoit
Corky Larson
Al Loya
Stella Mendoza
Peter Nelson
John Renison
Gary Wyatt

AGENCY

Riverside County
Imperial Irrigation District
Riverside County
Coachella Valley Water District
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla
Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial County
Imperial County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ABSENT

Elena Morreo

AGENCY

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennie Kelly presented a Fact Sheet she is working on for the Salton Sea. She also talked about an art gallery for the month of April and spoke of the harbor renovation.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Celeste Cantu gave a presentation on SAWPA and discussed the prospects of a regional brine line that could potentially benefit the Salton Sea.

A motion was made by Board Member John J. Benoit and seconded by Board Member Corky Larson to approve writing a letter to the SAWPA Board of Directors indicating the Authority's support for the brine line concept and thanking Ms. Cantu for her presentation. There were no objections. The motion carried.

- B. Valley Action Group, with speakers Bill Greene and Kern Jacobson, speaking about a Public Private Partnership Proposal, with consideration and possible approval of InfraConsult contract to perform a preliminary feasibility analysis.

A motion was made by Board Member Corky Larson and seconded by Board Member John J. Benoit to approve a contract with InfraConsult, contingent upon receipt of a check from the Valley Action Group in the amount of \$6,250, and with understanding Imperial Irrigation District's thoughts on this matter. The motion carried, with Secretary Jim Hanks abstaining.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Michael O'Connor, Executive Director noted the following:

- The Salton Sea Authority's audit is proceeding and will be completed in time for our May meeting.
- The United States Geological Survey is currently conducting a very ambitious project along the Salton Sea Trough to develop a better understanding of the San Andreas Fault. Mr. Lee Case, of USGS (United States Geologic Survey), said he would be willing to have the project manager give a detailed briefing at a future Salton Sea Authority meeting.
- The students of California State University San Bernardino "Documentary Photography 398" have completed their photo project of the Salton Sea. This work was completed without cost to the Authority and provides an interesting perspective of the many vistas at the Salton Sea. Some of these photos will be posted to the Salton Sea Authority's website.
- Following are events that are coming up:
 - North Shore Community Fair: This event will be held on Saturday, April 9th at the North Shore Community Center located at 99-155 Sea View Drive in North Shore and is hosted by the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency.
 - The Salton Sea History Museum: Is presenting an exhibition "Valley of the Ancient Lake" of works inspired by the Salton Sea that will run from April 1-30. An opening reception will be held on Saturday April 3rd from 3-7pm. Information is available at: www.SaltonSeaMuseum.org.
 - Environmental & Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers: will be holding its conference "Bearing Knowledge for Sustainability" at the Palm Springs Convention Center, on From May 22-26. Information is available at www.asce.org/conferences/ewri2011

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2011.
B. Warrant Register Ratification: 02/01/2010 – 02/28/2011.
C. Cash Flow Projection for: 03/30/2010 – 06/30/2011.

Board Member Corky Larson: I would like the Minutes pulled for discussion. I had mentioned that at the present time, although we hadn't taken an official vote on it, I didn't think Coachella Valley Water District's Board was going to make an appointment to the States Advisory Committee/Salton Sea Council. Also, I didn't think there was an actual motion to pay Shirley Palmer. That was the intent, but I didn't think we actually made the motion, and

seconded it, to actually pay her. It was kind of a consensus, but not an actual vote. If we owe it to her, we need to pay it.

A motion was made by Secretary Jim Hanks and seconded by Board Member Peter Nelson to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended. There were no objections. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Revised Meeting Schedule
The Salton Sea Authority Board approved the Meeting Schedule, and okayed it for distribution.
- B. Legislative Update
Michael O'Connor, Executive Director, noted there is nothing new on this item.
- C. Salton Sea Restoration Council
Michael O'Connor, Executive Director, noted there is nothing new on this item.
- D. Budget Update
Michael O'Connor, Executive Director, noted this will be presented at the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business President Marion Ashley adjourned the meeting at a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m., at the Imperial Irrigation District, Bill Condit Auditorium, 1285 Broadway Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 482-9618

ATTACHMENT B

Warrant Register
March 1 through March 31, 2011

Salton Sea Authority

Warrant Date	Warrant Number	Vendor Name	Amount
03/08/11	EFT	Verizon	\$ 59.68
	EFT	Verizon California	108.27
03/13/11	14793	Janis Dawson	555.75
	14794	Michael O'Connor & Associates	1,199.50
	14795	Office Max Incorporated	17.72
	14796	Shirley Palmer	10,000.00
03/22/11	EFT	Mailfinance	158.77
03/27/11	14797	Best Best & Krieger LLP	1,653.38
	14798	Janis Dawson	604.50
	14799	Michael O'Connor & Associates	5,000.00
	14800	Office Max Incorporated	79.58
	14801	Gloria J. Sampson Acct	1,291.18
	14802	J. Andrew Schlange	5,000.00
	14803	Storquest - LaQuinta	225.00
	14804	Southwest Networks	67.50
		Total	26,020.83

ATTACHMENT C

SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
Cash Flow Projection 04/11/11 - 06/30/11

Bank balance as of 04/11/11

April 146,725 May 121,826 June 94,361 Total 146,725

146,725

Anticipated receipts FY 2011 assessment:
 Torres-Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians

7,000.00
 7,000.00

7,000

Bank balance after bills are paid & all income received

153,725

Funds held in reserve in event of Authority closure:
 General operations shut down
 Fish clean-up (specific donations)
 Funds held in reserve for annual operating contingency

(10,000)
 (25,491)
 (12,000)
 (47,491)

(10,000)
 (25,491)
 (12,000)

Total reserve

Cash after all bills are paid and reserves met

106,234

106,234

	Annual Budget	YTD Expenditures	Reduced by	Budget Remaining
Computer/network maintenance, upgrades	6,180	(4,130)	(8,402)	2,050
Dues & subscriptions	456	-	(10,998)	456
Office expense, equip lease, postage, insurance	20,080	(14,996)	(45,000)	5,084
Storage rental (due 8th)	5,400	(4,500)	-	900
Professional Services:				
Accountant	12,000	-	(8,402)	3,598
Administrative Support	18,000	-	(10,998)	7,002
Audit	15,000	-	-	15,000
Consultant	60,000	(45,000)	(45,000)	15,000
Legal	28,800	(13,003)	(13,003)	15,797
Technical support (TT)	20,000	(14,800)	(14,800)	5,200
Technical support (TT) Balance FY10 budget	7,650	(7,650)	-	-
Travel/meetings	3,200	(958)	(958)	2,242
Travel/mileage reimbursements	1,500	(1,162)	(1,162)	338
Website maintenance, upgrades	8,040	(4,930)	(4,930)	3,110
Totals	206,306	(130,530)	(130,530)	75,776

Unobligated cash anticipated after budget and reserves expended

30,458

Lake Elsinore Concept Project Income
 Lake Elsinore Concept Project Expense:
 Consulting Services
 Legal

50,000.00
 (40,000.00)
 (1,850.00)

30,454

Lake Elsinore Cash Balance
 Please see attached Legend

8,140.00

30,454

ATTACHMENT D

SB 51 Legislative Analysis

SB 51 now has a dead line for coming up with a plan: June, 2013.

BILL NUMBER: SB 51 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY AUGUST 20, 2010
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 1, 2010
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 21, 2010
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 22, 2009
AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 2, 2009
AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 4, 2009
AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2009

INTRODUCED BY Senator Ducheny
 (Coauthor: Senator Steinberg)
 (Coauthors: Assembly Members V. Manuel Perez and Salas)

JANUARY 13, 2009

An act to add the heading to Article 1 (commencing with Section 2930) of, and to add Article 2 (commencing with Section 2940) to, Chapter 13 of Division 3 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to the Salton Sea Restoration Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 51, as amended, Ducheny. Salton Sea Restoration Council.

Existing law requires the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Water Resources, the Salton Sea Authority, appropriate air quality districts, and a specified advisory committee, to undertake a restoration study to determine a preferred alternative for the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem and the protection of wildlife dependent on that ecosystem. Existing law establishes the Salton Sea Restoration Fund, which is administered by the Director of Fish and Game, and requires the moneys in that fund to be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for various actions on behalf of the Salton Sea, including the implementation of the preferred Salton Sea restoration alternative.

This bill would establish the Salton Sea Restoration Council as a state agency in the Natural Resources Agency to oversee the restoration of the Salton Sea. ~~The~~ For the purpose of developing a restoration plan, the bill would require the council to evaluate Salton Sea restoration plans and, by ~~an unspecified date~~ June 30, 2013, report to the Governor and the Legislature with a recommended Salton Sea restoration plan. The bill would require the council to

comply with specified requirements in conducting its duties.

The bill would prescribe requirements relating to the composition and administration of the council. The council would be required to include an executive committee, a science committee, a local government forum, and a stakeholder forum, as specified. The executive committee would be required to serve as the governing body of the council and provide guidance and oversight on behalf of the restoration program.

The bill would require the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources to implement specified activities relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea. The bill would require the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources to provide staff services that the council requires to carry out its activities and would require the directors of these departments to enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies to provide staff services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The heading of Article 1 (commencing with Section 2930) is added to Chapter 13 of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, to read:

Article 1. General Provisions

SEC. 2. Article 2 (commencing with Section 2940) is added to Chapter 13 of Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, to read:

Article 2. Salton Sea Restoration Council

2940. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The Salton Sea is California's largest inland water body with beneficial uses that include fisheries and wildlife habitat and preservation of endangered species, and is a repository for agricultural drainage.

(b) The Salton Sea ecosystem is a critical link on the international Pacific Flyway and supports over 400 species of birds.

(c) The Salton Sea is threatened by increasing salinity and reduced inflows. These changes increasingly threaten unparalleled wildlife resources at the sea, as well as air quality in the region.

(d) In cooperation with local governments, nonprofit organizations, private business, and the public, the Salton Sea Restoration Council can help protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, improve water and air quality, and enhance recreational opportunities in the region.

(e) In restoring the Salton Sea, it is the intent of the Legislature to do all of the following:

(1) Permanently protect fish and wildlife that are dependent on the Salton Sea ecosystem.

(2) Restore the long-term stable aquatic and shoreline habitat for fish and wildlife that depend on the Salton Sea.

(3) Eliminate air quality impacts from restoration projects using

the best available technology, as determined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District.

- (4) Protect water quality.
- (5) Maintain the Salton Sea as a vital link along the Pacific Flyway.
- (6) Preserve local tribal heritage and cultural values associated with the Salton Sea.
- (7) Minimize noxious odors and other water and air quality problems.

2941. Unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions set forth in this section govern the construction of this article.

- (a) "Agency" means the Natural Resources Agency.
- (b) "Council" means the Salton Sea Restoration Council.
- (c) "Habitat mosaics" means two or more proximate habitat types, such as saltwater shoreline abutting riverine deltas and irrigated farmland.
- (d) "Salton Sea watershed" means the geographic boundaries of the Salton Sea basin, defined as the United States Geologic Survey Hydrologic Unit 18100200 ("Salton Sea").
- (e) "Sea" means the Salton Sea.
- (f) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency.

(g) "Vector management" means services that eliminate or reduce the risk of illness caused by any organism transporting a pathogen.

2942. (a) There is in the Natural Resources Agency the Salton Sea Restoration Council, which is established as a state agency to oversee the restoration of the Salton Sea, including all of the following:

- (1) Early start habitat demonstration projects.
- (2) Biological investigations relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.
- (3) Investigations of water quality, sedimentation, and inflows relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.
- (4) Air quality investigations relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.
- (5) Geotechnical investigations relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.
- (6) Coordination with the Imperial Irrigation District, the Coachella Valley Water District, the Torres Martinez Tribe, and other landowners in the vicinity of the Salton Sea.
- (7) Investigations of access and utility agreements relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.

(b) ~~The~~ For the purpose of developing a restoration plan pursuant to this section, the council shall evaluate Salton Sea restoration plans, including, but not limited to, the alternatives described in Chapter 3 of Volume I of the Salton Sea Restoration Program Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, dated October 2006 , and the program components of those alternatives .

(c) The council shall report to the Governor and the Legislature by _____ June 30, 2013, with a recommended Salton Sea restoration plan. In recommending a restoration plan, the council shall consider the impacts of the restoration plan on air quality, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and the technical and financial feasibility of the restoration plan.

(d) In conducting its duties pursuant to this section, the council shall comply with both of the following requirements:

(1) The council shall act consistent with the purposes of the Salton Sea Restoration Fund specified in Section 2932.

(2) The council shall work collaboratively with local governments and interested parties.

2944. (a) The council shall consist of the following groups:

(1) An executive committee.

(2) A science committee.

(3) A local government forum.

(4) A stakeholder forum.

(b) The executive committee shall consist of 16 voting members and 8 nonvoting members, appointed or designated as follows:

(1) The 16 voting members of the executive committee shall consist of all of the following:

(A) The Director of Fish and Game.

(B) The Director of Water Resources.

(C) The Director of Parks and Recreation.

(D) The Chairperson of the State Water Resources Control Board.

(E) The Chairperson of the State Air Resources Board.

(F) The Treasurer.

(G) The Director of Finance.

(H) One public member appointed by the Governor, who is not an elected official and who represents a statewide public health organization.

(I) One public member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, who is not an elected official and who represents a statewide hunting or fishing organization.

(J) One public member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, who is not an elected official and who represents a statewide environmental organization.

(K) One member from, and selected by, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, if that board agrees to do so.

(L) One member from, and selected by, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, if that board agrees to do so.

(M) One member from, and selected by, the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District, if that board agrees to do so.

(N) One member from, and selected by, the Board of Directors of the Imperial Irrigation District, if that board agrees to do so.

(O) One member selected by the Tribal Council of the Torres Martinez Band of Desert Cahuilla Indians, if that council agrees to do so.

(P) One member selected by the Tribal Council of the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, if that council agrees to do so.

(2) The members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (H) to (J), inclusive, of paragraph (1) shall serve one term of four years, and may be reappointed to one additional term.

(3) A state, local, or tribal official who is a member of the executive committee may designate a member of his or her executive staff, or, in the case of the Chairperson of the State Water Resources Control Board, the board's executive director or another member of the board, to vote on his or her behalf and otherwise discharge the duties of the member when the member is not in attendance. Notice of this designation shall be promptly communicated in writing to the chairperson of the executive committee.

(4) The nonvoting members of the executive committee shall consist

of all of the following, as they may be available:

- (A) The lead scientist.
- (B) One representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- (C) One representative of the United States Bureau of Reclamation.
- (D) One representative of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (E) One representative of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- (F) One representative of the United States Geological Survey.
- (G) One representative of the federal Bureau of Land Management.
- (H) One representative of the United States Department of Defense.

(c) (1) The science committee shall consist of the lead scientist and national and locally recognized experts familiar with large-scale wetlands and marine restoration efforts and knowledgeable about the application of adaptive management protocols and long-term monitoring. The science committee shall also include experts in dike design and dredging, water treatment, and hydraulics.

(2) (A) ~~The lead scientist shall be appointed by the United States Geological Survey Salton Sea Science Office, if that office agrees to do so.~~ executive committee from candidates recommended by the United States Geological Survey Salton Sea Science Office or another scientific agency.

(B) ~~If no candidate or candidates are recommended by the United States Geological Survey Salton Sea Science Office does not appoint the lead scientist~~ , or another scientific agency , the lead scientist shall be appointed by the executive committee.

(C) The lead scientist shall nominate other experts for membership on the science committee, subject to confirmation by the executive committee.

(3) The lead scientist and the other members of the science committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in attending meetings of the committee and carrying out the duties of their office.

(d) The local government forum shall include elected representatives from within the Salton Sea watershed, if the governing body of the respective local government agrees to appoint a designee to the forum, and may include local air pollution control officials. The council shall request the Salton Sea Authority to assist the council by doing all of the following:

- (1) Inviting local elected representatives to join the forum.
- (2) Convening and organizing regular meetings of the forum.
- (3) Transmitting information from the executive committee to the forum.

(4) Transmitting recommendations and suggestions from the forum to the executive committee.

(e) The stakeholder forum shall consist of interested parties, as determined by the executive committee, with demonstrated long-term, ongoing interest in the restoration plan and shoreline, representing the following categories:

- (1) Persons associated with local businesses and community service districts.
- (2) Farmers.

(3) Persons associated with environmental organizations.
(4) Persons associated with public access and recreational interests.

(5) Persons associated with public infrastructure.

(6) Community advocates.

(7) Persons associated with geothermal companies.

(8) Persons associated with public works.

(9) Public health officials.

(10) Tribal and elected local and state officials.

2945. (a) (1) The executive committee shall serve as the governing body of the council , and shall provide overall guidance and oversight on behalf of the restoration program. The members of the executive committee shall serve without compensation.

(2) The executive committee shall make decisions by a majority of the total number of voting members. If a conflict exists, a voting member shall recuse himself or herself from voting on an item.

(3) (A) The voting members of the executive committee shall elect, annually from among the voting members, a chairperson, a vice chairperson, and other officers as necessary. The officers may be reelected.

(B) The offices of chairperson and vice chairperson shall not be held concurrently by any of the persons in the following categories:

(i) Persons identified in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2944.

(ii) Persons identified in subparagraphs (H) to (J), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2944.

(iii) Persons identified in subparagraphs (K) to (P), inclusive, of paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 2944.

(C) If the office of chairperson or vice chairperson becomes vacant, a new chairperson or vice chairperson shall be elected by the voting members of the executive committee to serve for the remainder of the term.

(D) Twelve of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the executive committee. The executive committee shall adopt rules, regulations, and procedures for the conduct of business by the executive committee.

(4) The executive committee shall hold the majority of its regularly scheduled meetings within the Salton Sea watershed.

(b) The Department of Fish and Game shall be responsible for the implementation of restoration activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) and subdivision (b) of Section 2942.

(c) The Department of Water Resources shall be responsible for the implementation of restoration activities described in paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (7) of subdivision (a) and subdivision (b) of Section 2942.

(d) The science committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide best available science and engineering oversight to the overall planning and implementation processes.

(2) Provide periodic review of local technical investigations pertaining to the restoration plan design and implementation.

(3) Consult with and advise the stakeholder forum, under the direction of the lead scientist.

(4) Provide guidance on ongoing short-term planning activities.

(e) The local government forum shall facilitate communication between local governments and landowners, the executive committee, and the stakeholder forum on the progress of plan development and implementation.

(f) (1) The stakeholder forum shall provide ongoing, publicly derived input to the executive committee relating to habitat objectives and actions, types and levels of public access, and integration of air quality management and habitat restoration.

(2) The stakeholder forum shall assist the executive committee and other council members to gain a broader understanding of public and interest group perspectives.

(3) The stakeholder forum shall provide focused review and discussion, and shall seek to achieve consensus on significant matters, including the following:

(A) Discussion and general agreement on design opportunities and constraints, and integration of the habitat, public access, and air quality management objectives.

(B) Public access and recreational components.

(C) Opportunities for economic development.

(D) Habitat mosaics and location.

(E) Vector management and predator control.

(g) All members of the executive committee may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in attending meetings of the council and the respective committee and carrying out the duties of their office.

(h) The Salton Sea Restoration Council may do the following:

(1) Sue and be sued.

(2) Enter into contracts pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code, for services requiring knowledge, experience, and ability not possessed by the council's staff.

(3) Enter into other agreements with public agencies, private entities, and persons necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.

(i) (1) Only funds deposited in the Salton Sea Restoration Fund or nonstate funds may be expended to carry out this article.

(2) The status of the Salton Sea Restoration Fund shall be included in the Governor's proposed annual budget document.

(3) The council shall advise the Director of Fish and Game with regard to the expenditure of funds from the Salton Sea Restoration Fund.

2946. (a) (1) The secretary shall select, in consultation with the executive committee, the executive director of the council.

(2) The executive director shall be exempt from civil service and shall serve at the pleasure of the executive committee.

(3) For purposes of this article, the executive director shall be an employee of the Natural Resources Agency.

(b) The Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Water Resources shall provide the staff services, using staff currently dedicated to Salton Sea activities or other staff provided by legislative action, that the council requires to carry out its functions, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Administering grants and expenditures made available to the council from the Salton Sea Restoration Fund or other sources, including, but not limited to, block grants from other state boards, commissions, or departments.

(2) Administering contracts.

(3) Arranging meetings, agendas, and other administrative functions.

(4) Communication and public outreach, including all of the following:

(A) Public meetings with interested parties, presentations, and workshops.

(B) A regularly updated project-specific Internet Web site.

(C) Electronic mail and paper newsletters in English and Spanish.

~~(5) Carrying out the council's restoration responsibilities under Section 2942.~~

(5) Evaluation and implementation of restoration alternatives necessary for the council to fulfill its duties pursuant to Section 2942.

(c) The Director of Fish and Game and the Director of Water Resources shall enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies to provide the staff services, using staff dedicated to Salton Sea activities or other staff provided by legislative action, to carry out the functions of the council.

2947. (a) The council's jurisdiction is limited to the Salton Sea watershed within the State of California.

(b) This article does not grant to the council any regulatory authority, including any of the following authority:

(1) The authority to regulate land use.

(2) Any authority to regulate activities on land, unless the regulation is carried out pursuant to an agreement with an owner of an interest in the land.

(3) Authority over water rights held by others.

(4) Any air quality regulatory authority.

(c) (1) Nothing in this article interferes with or prevents the exercise of authority by a public agency to carry out its programs, projects, or responsibilities.

(2) Nothing in this article affects requirements imposed under any other provision of law.

ATTACHMENT E

Memo

To: Salton Sea Authority Board
From: Michael O'Connor, Executive Director
Date: April 28, 2011
Re: FY 2011-2012 Proposed Operations Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the FY 2011-2012 Proposed Operations Budget and request member Agency contributions.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the Salton Sea Authority is required to have its Budget approved by the member agencies. This year's Budget will allow the Salton Sea Authority to maintain its basic operations while it seeks to implement the Preferred Alternative. It is similar to the current year's budget.

This year the four public agencies are being asked to contribute \$40,000 and the Tribe is being asked for \$7,000. (Currently the amounts are \$35,000 and \$7,000 respectively) The Tribe is working on its current year's payment. Additionally, the two agencies, Riverside County and Coachella Valley Water District, who support the Lake Elsinore Project, are being asked for an additional assessment of \$30,000. (In the current year it was \$25,000)

The Proposed Budget is attached for your reference.

Salton Sea Authority			
Proposed Budget for			
Basic Operations			
Fiscal Year 2011-2012			
	FY11-12	FY11-12	
	Monthly	Proposed	FY 2011
	Proposed	Annual	Annual
		Budget	Budget
Staffing Expense			
ED Consultant	5,000	60,000	60,000
Financial Support	1,000	12,000	12,000
Administrative Support	1,460	17,520	18,000
General Office Expense			
Computer/Network Maintenance	400	4,800	3,600
Computer/Software License	108	1,300	1,500
Computer Upgrade (2 PCs/monitor/sftwr/install)	400	4,800	-
Dues & Subscriptions		-	456
Equipment (FY11 printer scanner purchased)		-	1,080
Equipment Lease	0	-	1,920
Insurance	833	10,000	12,000
Office Supplies (bank chgs, Kinkos, suppl)	200	2,400	1,320
Postage	75	900	900
Printing (letterhead, business cards)	100	1,200	1,200
Storage Rental	225	2,700	5,400
Telephone	310	3,720	3,240
Travel/mileage reimbursements	140	1,680	1,200
Travel/meetings	300	3,600	3,000
Website Maintenance	310	3,720	1,020
Website Updating	167	2,000	7,020
Professional Services:			
Audit FY10	1,042	12,500	15,000
Legal	2,400	28,800	28,800
Technical Support (TetraTech)	1,667	20,000	20,000
Technical Support (TT) Balance FY10 budget			7,650
Project Concepts - Lake Elsinore Legal Fees	250	3,000	-
Reserve			
Office ShutDown/Special Reserve	417	5,000	10,000
Operational Reserve	1,000	12,000	12,000
Total Annual Operating Budget	17,803	213,640	228,306

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Proposed Budget for			
Basic Operations			
Fiscal Year 2011-2012			
	FY11-12	FY11-12	
	Monthly	Proposed	FY 2011
	Proposed	Annual	Annual
		Budget	Budget
Funding Sources			
Unobligated cash balance at 6/30/11 (anticipated)		30,000	
Reserves held from previous year		22,000	
County of Riverside		40,000	
County of Imperial		40,000	
CVWD		40,000	
Imperial Irrigation District		40,000	
Torres Martinez		7,000	
Total Funding Sources		219,000	
Less Total Annual Operating budget		(213,640)	
Anticipated Operating Cash Balance at 6/30/12		5,360	
Special Project - Lake Elsinore Concept			
Special Member Contribution - County of Riverside		30,000	25,000
Special Member Contribution - CVWD		30,000	25,000
Consultant - J. Andrew Schlange		(60,000)	(50,000)
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**PART 2 – PROJECT
COMMITTEE**

ATTACHMENT A

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SALTON SEA AUTHORITY
PROJECT COMMITTEE**

March 24, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Salton Sea Authority Project Committee was called to order by John J. Benoit, Committee President, at 9:06 a.m., March 24, 2011, at the Coachella Valley Water District Dr. Forbes Auditorium, 85-995 Avenue 52, Coachella, Ca 92236, (760) 398-2651.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marion Ashley
John J. Benoit
Corky Larson
Peter Nelson

AGENCY

Riverside County
Riverside County
Coachella Valley Water District
Coachella Valley Water District

OTHER ATTENDEES

Bill Green
Jaime Hertado

AGENCY

Valley Action Group & RBF Consulting
Office of Supervisor Marion Ashley

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

STATUS REPORT

Andrew Schlange gave Status Report No. 6, with information on Staff Identified Funding Sources and Financing of Salton Sea Authority's Preferred Alternative.

After discussion it was decided to agendaize Dr. Krantz's Summary of Salton Sea's Renewable Energy Development for the next Project Committee meeting, on April 28, 2011, and present this as a sub-committee report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2011

A motion was made by Board Member Corky Larson and seconded by President Marion Ashley to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The motion carried.

MEETING TIME & DATE DETERMINATION

To be determined by the Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting

COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business John J. Benoit adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.