

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



FROM: Supervisor Benoit and Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 23, 2012

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 1410 (Perez): Salton Sea Control Shared with State

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:


1. Support Assembly Bill 1410, a bill that calls for the state Resources Agency to consult and coordinate with the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) on restoration plans for the sea; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to send a letter in support to the bill's author, our local delegation and our legislative advocates;

BACKGROUND: Assembly Bill 1410 (Perez) is necessary for restoration efforts of the Salton Sea to move forward. The bill will require the state Resources Agency to consult and coordinate with the Salton Sea Authority on restoration plans for the Salton Sea.

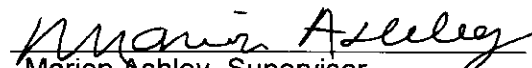
Assembly Bill 1410 empowers the Salton Sea Authority to lead a funding a feasibility review study in consultation with the state and technical advisory group. The funding and feasibility review study will implement the intent of the original restoration legislation (Senate Bill 1214 of 2004) directing the Resources Agency to develop a restoration plan backed with a feasibly funding plan. To date, no such plan has been developed. The lack of a feasibly and fundable restoration plan precludes any meaningful progress in achieving critical state and local restoration goals.

Assembly Bill 1410 would allow the Salton Sea Authority and the state Resources Agency to evaluate the technical and financial feasibility of proposed restoration plans pending final adoption by the legislature. The bill provides a mechanism for the Resources Agency to enter into a funding agreement with the Salton Sea Authority to implement efforts towards the financial feasibility analysis. Support of the Salton Sea Authority and its member agencies is pledged in good faith that the state will cooperatively engage on this provision in a timely manner as defined in Assembly Bill 1410.

Assembly Bill 1410 offers hope that this state/local partnership will generate new local financial resources from economic development required to transform the troubled Salton Sea region into an environmentally stable resource within the region.



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Fourth District



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AGENDA NO.

3.114

August 23, 2012

Senate Appropriations
Hon. Christine Kehoe
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: SUPPORT - AB 1410 (Perez): Salton Sea control shared with state

Dear Senator Kehoe:

As Riverside County Supervisor whose district includes the Salton Sea, I request your support for AB 1410, a bill that calls for the state Resources Agency to consult and coordinate with the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) on restoration plans for the Salton Sea.

Passage of AB 1410 is necessary for restoration efforts to move forward, in light of the Governor's proposal, and subsequent legislative action, to eliminate the Salton Sea Restoration Council (SRC). The state-appointed SRC never held a single meeting.

Most important, AB 1410 empowers the SSA to lead a funding feasibility review study in consultation with the state and a technical advisory group.

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Sincerely,

Supervisor John Benoit
Fourth District, Riverside County
Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors

August 22, 2012

Senate Natural Resources and Water
Hon. Fran Pavley
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento Ca. 94249

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