

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



**ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 19080)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 24, 2022

FROM : EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approval of Salton Sea Authority Member Assessment
FY22/23, 4th District. [\$200,000]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the member assessment recommendation of the Salton Sea Authority,
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the Minute Order to the Salton Sea Authority.

ACTION:Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 24, 2022
xc: E.O., Salton Sea Auth

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: *Julia Martinez*
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Executive Office Budget			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 22/23	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

Created in 1993 the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) responsible for working in consultation and cooperation with the State of California to oversee the comprehensive restoration of the Salton Sea. Although the SSA and its partner agencies recognize the state and federal roles and responsibilities at the Salton Sea, the SSA asserts a leadership role to ensure local priorities are recognized. Current organization members of the JPA consist of the County of Riverside, County of Imperial, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians.

Organization members of the JPA pay an annual membership fee. However, these fees have not been increased since 2012, with one adjustment made in FY20/21, reducing assessments by 10%. As a result of inflation, COVID, and other impacts to cash flow, current assessments do not support a fully functioning organization.

The SSA's FY22/23 budget was approved by their governing Board with a recommendation to increase member assessments to \$200,000 per year for each organization. This will result in an increase of \$50,000 per year.

The County of Riverside is currently engaged in the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project in the Salton Sea with the SSA. Continuing the membership to the SSA is vital for the completion of this ongoing project.

Additional Fiscal Information

The County of Riverside has been paying \$150,000 per year for the SSA JPA membership. Approval of this item will increase the annual membership fee to \$200,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Copy of SSA FY22/23 Budget

Memorandum

To: Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
From: G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director/GM
Date: April 28, 2022
Re: Preliminary review of FY 2022/2023 Budget for Salton Sea Authority
CM No. Item #VI. A. – April 28, 2022

GENERAL:

Forwarded herewith is a proposed operating budget for the Salton Sea Authority for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This budget is based principally on historical costs from 2021-2022 actuals and informed by prior years, with a few modifications, including:

- Local Government / Member Assessments – member assessments have not been increased since 2012, with one adjustment made in 2020/2021 fiscal year, reducing assessments by 10%, which was refunded last year. As a result of inflation, COVID, and other impacts to cash flow, current assessments do not support a fully functioning organization. For the past three years the Authority has been operating at an unsustainable deficit, driven in large part by prior commitments made which have taken some time to unwind. The budget as presented increases member assessments to \$200,000 per year per paying member. This results in an adjusted annualized increase to the membership of just under 3% per year since the last increase, and consistent with adjustments for inflation over that same time period.

Of note, per Authority policy, Tribal dues are considered voluntary. As a result, this budget reflects zero contribution from the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians tribe. We have requested that the tribe indicate to the Authority their anticipated contribution for the coming fiscal year, which if provided will be included in the final budget to be considered by the board in May.

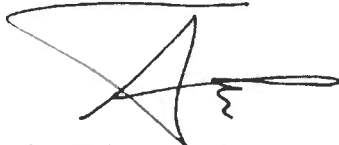
- State Grants Funding – this principally reflects anticipated work on the North Lake Pilot Demonstration Project but will also likely include small fundings for the Desert Shores project and other work anticipated to materialize during the budget year.
- Travel increase reflects increases as we transition past the COVID pandemic.

This budget has been reviewed by the Finance and Executive Committees and is being forwarded for your consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the release of this preliminary budget to member agencies to secure approvals of Member Assessments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Patrick O'Dowd', written over a horizontal line.

G. Patrick O'Dowd
Executive Director/GM

Salton Sea Authority
Proposed Budget
FY 2022-23

	A	B	C	D	E
	FY 21/22 Adopted Budget	FY 21/22 Current YTD	FY 21/22 Projected YTD	FY 22/23 Proposed Budget General Fund	FY 22/23 Proposed Budget Prop. 68
1 REVENUE					
2 Local Government/Member Assessments	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 610,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -
3 Tribal Contribution*	-	-	-	-	-
4 Other Federal/State/Local Reimbursements	-	-	-	250,000	-
4 Ex Officio State Dues	150,000	-	-	-	-
6 Sponsorships	50,000	10,300	10,300	-	-
7 State Grant, Reimbursement to General Fund	80,000	-	-	110,000	-
8 State Grants (Prop 68) Funding	250,000	265,100	265,100	-	2,200,000
9 Pooled Cash Allocated Interest	1,000	-	-	-	-
10 TOTAL REVENUE	1,141,000	885,400	885,400	1,160,000	2,200,000
11 EXPENSES					
12 SSA ADMINISTRATION					
13 Salaries and Benefits					
14 Total Salaries	371,800	157,800	246,000	246,000	-
15 Salaries Adjustment	-	-	-	24,600	-
16 Total Employee Benefits	166,200	84,200	128,900	135,300	-
17 Total Salaries and Benefits	538,000	242,000	374,900	405,900	-
18 Contract Services / Professional Fees					
19 DC Advocates	84,000	56,000	84,000	88,200	-
20 Sacramento Advocate	60,000	40,000	60,000	84,000	-
21 Grant Administration	100,000	60,900	91,400	100,000	-
22 Attorney - General	75,000	19,900	38,200	50,000	-
23 Audit & Accounting	75,000	38,800	66,700	75,000	-
24 Total Contract Services / Professional Fees	394,000	215,600	340,300	397,200	-
25 Equipment Maintenance	12,000	6,200	8,300	8,700	-
26 Office Equipment <\$5,000	2,400	-	-	-	-
27 Insurance	9,300	6,800	10,200	10,500	-
28 Office Expense /Operating Supplies	6,000	5,300	7,900	8,300	-
29 Office Expense /Online Services	3,000	2,000	3,100	3,300	-
30 Dues & Subscriptions	10,000	11,900	18,300	14,200	-
31 Public Relations	36,000	2,800	2,800	-	-
32 Travel /Mileage	48,000	14,200	20,500	40,000	-
33 Utilities	3,000	-	-	-	-
34 Project Technical Support	24,000	-	-	-	-
35 TOTAL SSA ADMINISTRATION	1,085,700	506,800	786,300	888,100	-
36 GRANT EXPENSES					
37 Riverside County Salaries	-	4,400	4,400	-	-
38 Grants Expenses - Contractors	-	228,200	228,200	-	2,090,000
39 Grant Expenses - to General Fund	-	32,500	32,500	-	110,000
40 TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES	-	265,100	265,100	-	2,200,000
41 TOTAL EXPENSES	1,085,700	771,900	1,051,400	888,100	2,200,000
42 NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ 55,300	\$ 113,500	\$ (166,000)	\$ 271,900	\$ -
43 PROJECTED BEGINNING CASH - 7/1/22				\$ (142,600)	
44 PROJECTED ENDING CASH - 6/30/23				\$ 129,300	

*Tribal contribution is voluntary

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