
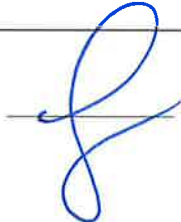



DATE SUBMITTED 7/27/2018  
 SUBMITTED BY CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
 DATE ACTION REQUIRED 8/1/2018

COUNCIL ACTION  (X)  
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 CITY CLERK'S INITIALS 

**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF THE SALTON SEA;  1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. ____ TO SUPPORT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTY OF IMPERIAL AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESTORE THE SALTON SEA.	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE/COUNTY OF IMPERIAL	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:  In an effort to stabilize and restore the Salton Sea, County of Imperial Board of Supervisors have entered into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. The County of Imperial has asked local jurisdiction to support their efforts to establish a unified strategy that will complement the State of California's Salton Sea Management Plan. Attached for your review and approval you will find the support resolution.	
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A	FINANCE INITIALS 
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	DEPT. INITIALS _____
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: n/a	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS 
MOTION:	
SECONDED:	APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> ()      REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> ()
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RESOLUTION NO. 201852

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL IN SUPPORT OF THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
ON THE SALTON SEA**

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2018, the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California, and the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California (Counties) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding representing a mutual good faith commitment and common goals made in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration to benefit the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside to work together with other local agencies in a collaborative manner and support common goals to further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts as well as the development potential of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Counties encourage outreach to the surrounding communities and seek supportive resolutions from all cities and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, mitigation water inflows to the Salton Sea ended on December 31, 2017, pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), , and without stabilization and restoration measures, the Salton Sea will rapidly decline; and

WHEREAS, California law requires the California Natural Resources Agency to develop a Salton Sea plan in cooperation and consultation with local agencies; and

WHEREAS, the State of California, through departments within the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies (State), has developed a Ten Year Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) through departments within the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies which identifies a phased series of projects; and

WHEREAS, the State is obligated to pay for certain costs related to mitigation of impacts associated with the QSA including wildlife habitat, air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the State has not appropriated money to pay said mitigation thereby placing the Salton Sea and surrounding communities at substantial risk of irreversible damage to wildlife and public health; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Counties to take coordinated and cooperative action with other agencies to stabilize and restore the Salton Sea in order to protect and improve public health, air quality, water quality and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and intent of the Counties to work together with local agencies on agreed projects and financing mechanisms such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District that would support projects and stimulate economic development around the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Counties recognize and support the value of working with other local agencies to enhance opportunities for renewable energy and geothermal development to the region

which would further the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Greenhouse Gas Reduction goals and which could provide funding for QSA mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of said integrated projects would include economic development, recreational activity, and reduction in air and water quality impacts as well as optimize the potential opportunities at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial supports the common goal of a locally managed and efficient process to expedite QSA mitigation and other projects at the Salton Sea to avert a further decline of the Salton Sea.

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial is in support of the North Lake vision which would complement the State's SSMP plan by providing an in-sea barrier around the contours of the north shoreline with a deep lake and respectfully request the State's support and recognition in the SSMP as an important integrated project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial is supportive of the Perimeter Lake concept which would also include a South Lake component and resemble a flowing river with a system of low profile levees bordering the Salton Sea shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the City of Imperial respectfully requests to have the Perimeter Lake incorporated into the State's SSMP long-term plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Imperial to improve the public health, economic opportunity and overall quality of life of the disadvantaged communities around the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Imperial to support public-private partnerships and will encourage private entities to define and develop projects around the Salton Sea.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The forgoing recitals are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
2. The City Council of the City of Imperial hereby adopts this Resolution in support of the Counties' MOU and agrees to collaborate on the development of a strategy to support common goals which would stabilize and restore the Salton Sea.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mayor of the City of Imperial

**ATTEST:**

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Debra Jackson, City Clerk