

APPENDIX A

NOP Comments and Responses

Comment Number	Name/Affiliation	Comment	Response
1a	<p>Michael Cohen-Pacific Institute Brandon Dawson-Sierra Club California Lauren Elachi-Kounkuey Design Initiative Pamela Flick-Defenders of Wildlife Maurice Hall-Environmental Defense Fund Silvia Paz-Alianza Coachella Valley Frank Ruiz-Audubon California Ryan Sinclair PhD-Loma Linda University Rebecca Zaragoza-Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability</p>	<p>On behalf of Alianza Coachella Valley, Audubon California, Defenders of Wildlife, Kounkuey Design Initiative, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Pacific Institute, and Sierra Club, we write to offer our comments on the proposed Clean Water Act Section 404 Letter of Permission Procedures and associated Environmental Assessment for the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan Projects (SPL-2019-00951-KJD), published March 17, 2021. We urge the Department of the Army to establish and authorize the alternative "Letter of Permission" (LOP) permitting procedures for the SSMP 10-year Plan projects, as requested by the California Natural Resources Agency. We represent organizations that, for more than 20 years, have advocated the protection and revitalization of the Salton Sea ecosystem and organizations representing communities located immediately adjacent to the Salton Sea and affected by the Sea's degraded conditions. We commented on the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) draft project description and communicate regularly with the proponents of the proposed action. Together with our members, we have a strong and demonstrated long-term interest in the proposed activity.</p> <p>We strongly support the establishment and authorization of the alternative LOP permitting procedures, to enable the State of California to expedite the satisfaction of its long-delayed statutory and contractual obligations to undertake the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem, protect air and water quality and public health, include public access and recreational components, and enhance economic development opportunities for local communities (California Fish & Game Code §2940 et seq.).</p> <p>The implementation of the SSMP 10-Year Plan projects and the Corps' establishment and authorization of the alternative LOP permitting procedures will ensure that waters of the U.S. are enhanced, restored, and preserved. We urge the Department of the Authority to expedite such actions. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p> <p>As part of its cost/benefits analysis, we especially urge the Department of the Army to acknowledge and factor in the significant adverse cumulative impacts that would continue to accrue in the absence of the proposed action (see Hazard's Toll: The Costs of Inaction at the Salton Sea). The reasonably foreseeable benefits resulting from implementing SSMP 10-Year Plan projects greatly exceed the reasonably foreseeable detriments of implementing such projects. The Department's establishment and authorization of LOP permitting procedures will expedite the approval and construction of much-needed and long delayed dust suppression and habitat projects at the Salton Sea, greatly outweighing any minor adverse environmental impacts to waters of the U.S. associated with implementation of the SSMP 10-Year Plan and, importantly, the much more significant adverse impacts associated with continued delays of the 10-Year Plan.</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
1b	<p>See 1a</p>	<p>The SSMP Purpose and Need included as Exhibit 4 of the referenced public notice states: Projects considered under this proposed SSMP Project will need: (1) water to meet the needs of the project (if applicable); (2) existing or obtainable land rights for the project itself and any needed access corridors; and (3) to provide a public benefit consistent with the SSMP Phase I: 10-Year Plan (SSMP 10-Year Plan) and the State of California's ecosystem and habitat restoration goals as described in the Salton Sea Restoration Act, Fish and Game Code section 2930, et seq.</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>
1c	<p>See 1a</p>	<p>The draft environmental assessment (EA) should provide a clear and detailed description of current and projected Salton Sea inflows, the water demands of the proposed SSMP projects and their impacts on the overall SSMP water budget, community-benefits and multi-purpose infrastructure, and current and future Salton Sea elevations, salinity, and playa exposure for critical years, such as 2021, 2023, 2028, and 2047. The draft EA should describe the status of land rights and land access agreements for proposed SSMP projects, including a schedule for obtaining agreements not currently finalized. In the draft EA, the State of California's contractual and statutory goals and obligations, including those referenced in Fish and Game Code section 2930, et seq., should be reproduced in full, to improve transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness for the public.</p>	<p>Regarding hydrology: This will be covered in chapter 4 and 5 of the EA. Regarding land rights: Land ownership will be addressed in the EA. Some of the land access requirements cannot be anticipated at this time. Those issues will be addressed with the individual landowners when project plans are developed. Regarding Fish and Game Code: We understand the need for public benefit and the CDFW is an integral part of the team developing this proposal.</p>
2	<p>Jessica Humes-Imperial Irrigation District</p>	<p>The Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has reviewed the Special Public Notice for Clean Water Act Section 404 Letter of Permission Procedures for the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan Projects. The LOP procedures would authorize implementation of projects within the SSMP 10-Year Plan, including dust suppression projects that would be located around the Salton Sea.</p> <p>The SSMP is being implemented in coordination with IID's Salton Sea Air Quality Mitigation Program. Whereas the SSMP addresses the state's dust suppression acreage requirements set forth in the stipulated order (Exhibit A of the State Water Resources Control Board Order WVR 2017-0134), IID's Salton Sea Air Quality Mitigation Program addresses IID's air quality mitigation responsibilities related to the transfer of conserved water under the Quantification Settlement Agreement. The State and IID plans both focus on projects within, along, and adjacent to the Salton Sea. In addition, the State and IID plans identify similar, and in some cases the same, dust suppression activities for these areas. Furthermore, many of the dust suppression activities will be implemented on IID-owned land.</p> <p>As described in the Special Public Notice, the Corps is authorized to use LOPs to authorize activities under the Corps Regulatory Program, pursuant to section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) or section 404 of the CWA. IID would like confirmation that the LOP procedures are not limited to the SSMP, but will be available to all applicants for the activities meeting the criteria and conditions. If a proposed activity does not meet the LOP criteria or the applicant chooses not to use this process, then the activity may still be authorized under a different permit procedure.</p> <p>The Special Public Notice also describes the potential for compensatory mitigation. The proposed LOP may require implementation of a habitat mitigation and maintenance plan (HMMP) or a long-term resources management plan (LTRMP). As a landowner, it is imperative IID be involved in determining any real estate requirements for long-term protection of compensatory mitigation sites.</p>	<p>To the extent that IID partners with the SSMP 10-Year Plan, those projects could be covered under the LOP procedures. Projects outside of the SSMP 10-Year Plan would not have coverage under the LOP procedures.</p>

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3	Kerry Shapiro-Jeffers Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	<p>On behalf of Imperial USA Corporation ("IUC") and KORE Mining (together, "KORE"), we respectfully submit this comment letter in support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' ("Corps") Proposed Clean Water Act Section 404 Letter of Permission ("LOP") Procedures ("Procedures") to streamline the permitting requirements for projects implemented as part of California's Salton Sea Management Program ("SSMP") 10-Year Plan. As discussed below, KORE requests the Corps ensure the Procedures fully consider earthen material available from KORE's project site as sourcing for SSMP projects to ensure the timely implementation of critical restoration projects, and to safeguard the health of Imperial Valley Residents.</p> <p>KORE holds an assemblage of interests on public lands located in Imperial County, where it proposes to develop a state of the art gold mining operation. KORE is presently in the process of obtaining necessary authorizations to eventually bring the project online. It is estimated that operations will result in the excavation of approximately 54 million cubic yards of surplus clean, high quality earthen material that was naturally deposited by the Colorado River over the course of 10 million years. This surplus material should be available once operations at the gold project commence (estimated to be 4 to 5 years from now) and the ultimate volume could be available for use in Salton Sea remediation over the operational and closure period, that is estimated to be approximately 15 years after operations commence. This material matches the geological composition of the Salton Sea area and therefore, could serve as a significant local source of the type of material necessary to remediate the Salton Sea. KORE estimates its project will produce material that can cover and remediate approximately 33,000 acres of land around the Salton Sea if this material is placed as a 1-foot-thick permanent soil cover over the exposed playas.</p> <p>The SSMP 10-Year Plan projects require clean, local sources of earthen material that match the geologic composition of the Salton Sea area prior to its inundation. This material is necessary to cover newly exposed ground, construct necessary berms, install riprap, and otherwise effectively undertake and protect aquatic habitat restoration. Indeed, the California Natural Resources Agency ("CNRA") recognizes that locally sourced and produced earthen material is a critical component of the remediation of the Salton Sea. Additionally the large volume of available earthen material may increase the scope of possible SSMP remediation options because previous plans may not have envisioned a large source of earthen material that did not require large disturbances associated with the development of off-site material borrow sources, such as new quarries or borrow pits. To be clear, the surplus material being discussed here is the extra material that will be left over after KORE's gold project has been completely reclaimed and the site returned to its approximate original topography in accordance with all State and Federal law. KORE is uniquely situated to provide a significant amount of the exact type of earthen material discussed in, and as will be needed to implement, the SSMP 10-Year Projects. Accordingly, KORE respectfully requests that the Procedures address the sources of the raw materials necessary for Salton Sea remediation activities – including earthen material from KORE's project site. In drafting the Procedures, the Corps should analyze not only the projects intended to help remediate the Salton Sea, but also the projects that will produce the materials necessary to carry out the SSMP remediation activities.</p> <p>Indeed, addressing potential sources of raw materials in the Procedures will ensure that the environmental impacts of obtaining, transporting, and using the materials are properly accounted for and analyzed within the framework of the Procedures, and a project's sourcing of materials will not disqualify that project from applying for and obtaining an LOP. It would be unfortunate if any SSMP project were delayed or ineligible for implementation under the Procedures based on the inability to source and transport necessary materials.</p> <p>IUC supports the Corps' efforts and believes implementing comprehensive Procedures for SSMP projects to ensure the effective remediation of the Salton Sea is within the public interest. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. IUC looks forward to working with the Corps, and all California state agencies, to supply the necessary materials to ensure the success of the SSMP.</p>	<p>The proposed projects use balance cut and fill material. At this time there is no plan to import material for this project. It is outside the scope of this analysis to conduct environmental review of other projects.</p>
4	Christian Mendez On behalf of: Imelda Rios, Calipatria Conchita Pozar, North Shore Karina Andalon, Coachella Mariana Román, Thermal Yesenia Pozar, North Shore Natividad Gonzalez, North Shore Christian Mendez, Desert Shores Heidi Sepulveda, Thermal Dora Cecilia Tapia, Salton City Rosa Gallegos-Valades, Coachella Eduardo Borja, Coachella Mario Sanchez, La Quinta Daphne Ramirez, Eastern Coachella Valley Vianey Holguin, Eastern Coachella Valley Esmeralda Leal Isidoro, North Shore Tanya Andalon, Coachella Sergio Maximiliano Haro, Coachella Izsak Fuentes-Nevarex, Mecca Vanessa Rodriguez, Coachella Hermelinda Tejas, Thermal Sandra Ramirez, Coachella	<p>Over the past several years, we have come together as a community of residents, youth organizations, teachers, public health advocates, and other allies to advocate for a healthy Salton Sea. The Salton Sea is a big part of our identity in the Eastern Coachella Valley (ECV) and what makes our region beautiful and unique. We have a big vision for the Salton Sea. One that brings people together, protects the environment, and provides a home for the many species that have shared our community with us. Our experience from living next to the Salton Sea has been beautiful, but it's hurting us. And we need to make sure that our collective work at the Salton Sea helps bring our vision to life. Climate change is happening now. We've experienced it in the ECV for decades and it's affecting the Salton Sea as well. These aren't two isolated issues, they intersect and the impacts that we feel in our environment, health, and quality of life are exponentially worse. Solutions at the Sea need to address the holistic issues that we're experiencing in the community. This is why we need to see multi-benefit and climate resilient infrastructure projects incorporated into Salton Sea dust suppression and habitat conservation efforts.</p> <p>Community greening, such as native plants and trees can provide both beautification to our community, but also carbon sequestration, dust suppression, shade, and habitat. Greening should be a top and common component of all Salton Sea projects that also allows for community events, gatherings, educational opportunities, and other activities like markets, food vendors, and community gardens.</p> <p>Recreational opportunities and infrastructure are also ways of improving access to the Salton Sea. We want everyone in our community to be able to enjoy the Sea and have access to open space like trails, picnic areas, gathering spaces, lighting, and shade structures to protect us from high temperatures. We need infrastructure that facilitates the incorporation of community amenities within current and planned projects.</p> <p>Broadband expansion and wifi hotspots are a critical component to add to multi-benefit infrastructure and community projects. This would create more access to resources and engagement opportunities for residents living near the Sea. It would also enhance the project efficiency of all future dust suppression and habitat conservation projects.</p> <p>Access to medical facilities also needs to be improved and prioritized in the Salton Sea region. In the near future, we want to see a hospital with a specialized asthma and allergy center in the ECV. The closest hospital to our communities is 45 minutes away with many of us relying on local clinics and emergency services for our family health care. We have seen how the dust affects the lungs of our kids and elders. We must have a plan to intervene, and address the respiratory health issues that keep rising year after year. Having a specialized center is one key way of addressing this ongoing issue.</p> <p>These are projects we think are crucial to ensuring a healthy and beautiful environment for the Salton Sea region, particularly within the northern and western shores, for years to come. Our community is united and committed to supporting progress at the Salton Sea and we hope that our input will be meaningfully considered and incorporated in your process to permit and implement the SSMP 10-Year Plan.</p>	<p>Regarding greening: Habitat restoration with native species is included in the project to provide habitat to wildlife</p> <p>Regarding recreational opportunities: These are included to the extent that they do not conflict with habitat and dust suppression goals.</p> <p>Regarding broadband expansion and WIFI hotspots: This is outside the scope of the goals of the SSMP project.</p> <p>Regarding access to medical facilities: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP project.</p>

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5	Lauren Elachi, Kounkuey Design Initiative Sahara Huazano, Alianza Coachella Valley Rebecca Zaragoza, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	<p>On behalf of Alianza Coachella Valley, Kounkuey Design Initiative, Sierra Club, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, we write to offer our comments on the proposed Clean Water Act Section 404 Letter of Permission Procedures and associated Environmental Assessment for the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan Projects (SPL-2019-00951-KJD), published March 17, 2021. We urge the Department of the Army to consider the inclusion of multi-beneficial infrastructure that include community amenities within the SSMP 10-year Plan projects, as expressed by community members in the NEPA public workshops in September 2020 and as outlined in more detail in this comment letter.</p> <p>Our organizations, each with deep roots in the communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley, recognize the need for immediate and swift action at the Sea, and support the establishment and authorization of the alternative "Letter of Permission" (LOP) permitting procedures for the SSMP 10-year Plan projects, as requested by the California Natural Resources Agency overall. However, we continue to advocate for the consideration of multi-beneficial infrastructure that include community-based amenities as being a necessary baseline for any project being implemented at the Sea. The situation at the Salton Sea continues to be an urgent environmental and public health crisis -- toxic dust is sickening local residents, and migratory birds are losing critical habitat. Local residents continue to lack faith and trust in a process that they don't feel has engaged them as meaningful partners in decisions that will impact their communities. However, this can be changed through the provision of community-based infrastructure as a core part of the SSMP 10-year Plan projects, through the following suggestions collected through engagements will local residents in the Eastern Coachella Valley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA access to the shoreline for local residents, particularly in the community of North Shore adjacent to the North Shore Yacht Club • Native vegetation and trees in areas where community members can participate in the monitoring and evaluation of dust suppression efficacy through community science programs • Multi-purpose trail systems that are paved, multimodal, and allow for recreation and enjoyment, particularly along the shoreline in the communities of North Shore, Oasis, and Desert Shores • Picnicking and community gathering spaces along the shoreline with shade structures, trees, seating, and BBQ areas to accommodate group gatherings and thermal comfort • Spaces that could host a multitude of much-needed community programs, such as a pop-up clinic, farmers market, community garden, or food vending • Effective, multilingual signage and environmental education programs throughout all proposed SSMP 10-year projects, with a focus on community history and the stories of native peoples • Points at the North Shore Yacht Club, the Salton Sea Recreation Area, and Desert Shores to easily access the water via kayak • Universal wi-fi access throughout the Eastern Coachella Valley, but particularly hot spots that could be operated as part of any built work to facilitate environmental education and monitoring needs • Specialized asthma and respiratory health center in the Eastern Coachella Valley <p>Lastly, we request that the Army Corps consider the phasing of projects that would prioritize areas around the Salton Sea that are closest to populated areas - namely the communities Salton City, Desert Shores, Thermal, Oasis, Torres Martinez tribal lands, and North Shore. While we acknowledge that the Salton Sea will have impacts across the entire region, these disadvantaged communities of color are currently bearing the brunt of many of the public health impacts caused by the Sea. These communities require immediate action and should be the focus of the first set of projects being implemented by the California Natural Resources Agency.</p> <p>We support the habitat restoration and dust suppression work that the State has proposed at the Sea, and are eager to see these projects come to fruition quickly. However, without the ability for public interaction with these spaces or amenities that serve the residents that live around the Salton Sea, the projects will lack the stewardship necessary for their long-term success. It is critical that projects are selected, permitted, and built with a combination of ecological, dust suppression, and community benefits. The implementation of the SSMP 10-Year Plan projects and the Corps' establishment and authorization of the alternative LOP permitting procedures will ensure that waters of the U.S. are enhanced, restored, and preserved. We urge the Department of the Authority to expedite such actions.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p>	<p>Regarding ADA access: Any public facility would require that access be ADA compliant.</p> <p>Regarding use of native vegetation and trees: The project description includes planting native vegetation in habitat and dust suppression projects.</p> <p>Regarding multipurpose trail systems: These are included to the extent that they do not conflict with habitat and dust suppression goals.</p> <p>Regarding picnicking and community gathering places: These are included to the extent that they do not conflict with habitat and dust suppression goals.</p> <p>Regarding spaces to host community programs: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP project.</p> <p>Regarding access points for kayak: These are included to the extent that they do not conflict with habitat and dust suppression goals, but specific locations would be defined with each project.</p> <p>Regarding universal Wi-Fi: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP project.</p> <p>Regarding a health center: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP project.</p> <p>Regarding prioritizing projects around communities of color: Based on demographics, minority populations are well distributed in communities around the Salton Sea. Projects will be prioritized based on emissivity and feasibility. Projects implemented under the SSMP will result in long-term benefits to communities in the vicinity of the Salton Sea.</p>
6	Brandon Dawson, Sierra Club California	<p>Please find attached Sierra Club comments pertaining to Public Notice SPL-2019-00951-KJD; the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan Projects. Please note column H in the document.</p> <p>2020 saw positive momentum for the Salton Sea. The Newsom administration is working to address deficiencies in meeting acreage targets for projects, important funding went towards projects and staffing, and there are efforts to improve community engagement.</p> <p>- Yet the situation at the Salton Sea continues to be an urgent environmental and public health crisis -- toxic dust is sickening local residents, and migratory birds are losing critical habitat. Local residents continue to lack faith and trust in a process that they don't feel has engaged them as meaningful partners in decisions that will impact their communities.</p> <p>- We have an incredible opportunity to build on 2020's momentum, and accelerate meaningful action for communities and wildlife. As a Californian, I care about the future of the Salton Sea. I urge the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Natural Resources Agency to consider the following as part of the NEPA permitting process for Salton Sea Management Program Phase I: 10-Year Plan (SSMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multi-benefit infrastructure: Residents living near the Salton Sea continue to request support for overdue investments like community centers, housing, clinics and specialized public health centers, sidewalks, lighting, and recreational spaces. SSMP projects present an enormous opportunity to prioritize these investments by engaging and working with local partners at every opportunity to develop community led projects. Multi-benefit infrastructure projects should integrate improved air quality, protected and enhanced ecosystems, and social and climate resiliency into their design and implementation. The current, limited definition of multi-benefit projects should be expanded to be more ambitious, and drive meaningful improvements for residents. - Monitoring and adaptive management: It is deeply concerning that climate change is not mentioned once in this plan. Planning must address how habitats will be managed based on climate-related impacts, and how climate change may affect water supply and demand. Please develop a sea-wide monitoring plan in advance of project construction so that baseline conditions can be measured both within a site and across the Sea to determine long term impacts or changes. There must be clear metrics and milestones for each project, including dust emissivity and air quality metrics in communities affected by Salton Sea dust, bird species intended to benefit from the projects, fish and invertebrate target populations, and water quality parameters. - Community engagement: Decisions being made now about the Salton Sea's future will impact generations. Outreach and engagement should be robust across the region and done with ample lead time to maximize diverse participation. For future written comment opportunities, providing simplified and accessible guidance for how members of the public can shape their input will encourage participation. There should be a transparent process that demonstrates how community input is received and incorporated into the design of projects. <p>Public health: There must be clear and equitable prioritization of dust suppression projects in areas where community members living around the Sea are most at-risk, driven by data and a clear methodology that prioritizes the location and timeline for getting projects in the ground. The state should prioritize the collection and monitoring of air and water quality data and expedite these projects, especially on the north end of the Sea near impacted communities.</p> <p>Tie SSMP projects to a just economic recovery plan for the region: The current lack of stable housing, clean water, reliable transportation, accessible healthcare and economic mobility in the region will remain problems long after the pandemic if we do not create long-term, systemic solutions. Efforts to fix the Salton Sea must be leveraged into real opportunities to address these chronic disparities.</p> <p>A total of 1,629 individuals were included in this comment submittal from the Sierra Club. The above statement was included for all 1,629 individuals. Some individuals also provided a personalized comment in addition to the above statement, and those comments are included in separate lines below.</p>	<p>Regarding multi-benefit infrastructure: multi-benefits as used in this EA refer to projects that have multiple benefits toward the goals the projects attempt to achieve (e.g., provided habitat AND dust suppression). Other types of projects that provide multiple benefits will be built to the extent that they are compatible with project goals (e.g., access for non-motorized water craft.) However, other projects that are mentioned in the comment (e.g., health centers, sidewalks, and lighting) are outside the scope of the 10-year plan and will not be analyzed in this EA.</p> <p>Regarding monitoring and adaptive management - climate change is addressed in the setting and impacts sections (under preparation). In addition, it is specifically mentioned in the adaptive management section. The adaptive management section will include an attached management plan for the program. Part of the reason for adaptive management is to allow the projects to change due to changing conditions or new information. This could include changing conditions due to climate change.</p> <p>Regarding community engagement: The State has solicited public comment as these projects evolved and this EA is the final step in that process. Another opportunity for comment will be available during the draft EA.</p> <p>Regarding public health: The State is considering where the greatest air quality impacts would occur and prioritizing projects based on that information.</p> <p>However, a number of other constraints and opportunities (e.g., funding, land access, etc.) also influence prioritization of projects.</p> <p>Regarding tying SSMP projects to a just economic recovery plan for the region: Issues related to stable housing, clean water, reliable transportation, accessible healthcare and economic mobility are outside the scope of the SSMP. [There are approximately 772 people who signed this petition. Names are available upon request].</p>

SSMP Public Notice Comments

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6-1	Robert Betancourt: Hemet, CA	/Users/badspr/Desktop/Proposed Electric vehicle Charging stations with fire fighting Capability.pdf/Users/badspr/Desktop/Native AMERICAN Police Proposal.docx/Users/badspr/Desktop/Desert Shores Article.pages It is too bad no one responds.	Comment noted
6-2	Wendy Wilke: Fresno, CA	A wonderful place.	Comment noted
6-3	Henry Morgen: Los Angeles, CA	All human activity needs to be framed in the context of environmental neutrality or enhancement going forward. Further degradation is not an acceptable way to conduct business any longer.	Comment noted
6-4	Ron Rodarte: San Clemente, CA	All of the air pollution restrictions placed on vehicles and on industry do not matter a bit if the greatest source of particulate matter continues to increase with the volume of wind and dryness of the climate determining the outcome. Increasing droughts in the western States resulted in desiccation of The Great Salt Lake in Utah and the Salton Sea in California, bringing tremendous health hazards to surrounding communities hundreds of miles downwind. This is a regional, national and global problem and it will not naturally resolve itself. Climate Change and government action dictates the outcome. I urge you to take action on restoring the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-5	Arlene Baker: Petaluma, CA	ALL our wetlands are tremendously important to wildlife AND to the survival of the human species. Most people don't realize what a vital role wetlands play in keeping the ecology of our planet healthy and in balance.	Comment noted
6-6	William Dittmann: San Rafael, CA	Also the Coloradan Delta need to have a higher volume.	This is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year plan.
6-7	Maryann Khan: Oceanside, CA	Animals and people benefit from the sea.	Comment noted
6-8	Joan Smith: Greenbrae, CA	Any plan to deal with the Salton Sea drying up must prioritize restoring habitat and protecting public health. All of California cares about the Salton Sea and about the health and welfare of the environment and the being that inhabit this space. The concerns of local residents must be given priority and investments in public safety and outdoor access must happen now!	The projects in the SSMP will restore habitat and reduce the amount of airborne particulate matter. That is the priority of these projects.
6-9	Douglas Sibley: Martinez, CA	As a 74 year old native Californian, I visited the Salton Sea in my younger years. I also served 9 years active duty in the US Army. The Salton Sea is a rare treasure to our State and nation. Please take urgent action to restore the Salton Sea area to a healthy, viable place for people and wildlife to live healthy and robust lives for our present and future generations.	Comment noted
6-10	Sharon Paltin: Laytonville, CA	As a Californian who grew up in LA, and who studied Natural Resources at UCLA and UC Berkeley, I have long been aware of the accumulated toxins now blowing in the dusty wind of the desert to the East, and the largely Latino population of the area. I also know it's a treasure for the wildlife. I hope you will take urgent action to restore the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-11	Michelle Czarniecki: Marina, CA	As a Californian, it's important to me that other folks are able to live a complete and fulfilling life. We should care for our natural resources so that younger generations can enjoy them and to avoid causing long term health effects for our people.	Comment noted
6-12	F. Montgomery: Santa Rosa, CA	As a Californian, we must protect and safely restore both this sea and the people who live nearby!	Comment noted
6-13	Vanessa Ramirez: La Quinta, CA	As a Coachella Valley resident, I want to stress the importance the Salton Sea holds for the communities surrounding the area. Although it is a problem that must be fixed, the Salton Sea has a big part in the ecosystem in place here. Please keep in mind the interest of the community and wild life.	Comment noted
6-14	Mha Atma Khalsa: Los Angeles, CA	As a concerned California resident, taxpayer and voter I appreciate your considering my comments.	Comment noted
6-15	Jan Hansen: San Diego, CA	As a fifth-generation Californian, I was always amazed by the Salton Sea as a child. It needs continued, ongoing protection in order to be restored.	Comment noted
6-16	Bruce Person: Fort Bragg, CA	As a former resident of San Diego County, we went to the Salton Sea and the surrounding area several times a year. Please protect this area for current and future residents.	Comment noted
6-17	Linda Waldroup: Walnut Creek, CA	As a grandmother I am very concerned about the future of the environment that future generations will inherit.	Comment noted
6-18	Jane Culp: Anza, CA	As a landscape painter I often work near the Salton Sea to include its natural beauty in my paintings. Mono Lake has successfully preserved its beauty to the credit of the folks living there. People from all over the country stop to see Mono. The Salton Sea needs the same priorities. Both wildlife and community benefit as do local businesses get going and preserve this flyaway before it's too late. Jane Culp resident Anza and Borrego Springs	Comment noted
6-19	Hod Gray: Lompoc, CA	As a native and lifelong Californian, and a frequent traveler in the Coachella/Salton basin, I have long wondered why the Salton Sea was allowed to languish. It is an extraordinary area and a potential scenic resource. It's present condition is unhealthy and shameful. It must be restored.	Comment noted
6-20	Judy Schultz: San Francisco, CA	As a nurse and someone deeply concerned about the climate crisis and the unprecedented loss of wildlife in the U.S., I implore you to do as much as possible as quickly as possible to restore the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-21	Glenn R. Stewart, Ph.D.: La Verne, CA	As a Professor Emeritus of Zoology and Environmental Science, and a resident of Southern California, I understand the importance of the Salton Sea to migratory waterfowl and the health of people who are residents if the Imperial and Coachella Valleys.	Comment noted
6-22	Camille & Sherman Herrick: Santa Ynez, CA	As a resident of California for seventy of my seventy-six years, I care very much about the entire state. The issues facing the Salton Sea are complex and environmentally critical.	Comment noted
6-23	Alan Wolfe: San Francisco, CA	As a resident of northern California who has visited the Salton Sea and who cares about the welfare of our migratory bird species that use this location as a stopover, I have a stake in the future viability of this ecosystem and nearby human communities.	Comment noted
6-24	Yvonne Olivares: Rancho Cucamonga, CA	As a southern California resident I urge you to invest in basic public safety and access of the Salton Sea. Though the heavy metals poisoning is showing most direct impact on the local residents and bird/wild life populations any heavy metal poisoning will negatively impact all.	Heavy metal poisoning is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-25	Joan Raphael: San Diego, CA	At one time this would have been a great day trip. Now I don't want my little grandson exposed to the area.	Comment noted
6-26	Karen Brown: Kelseyville, CA	Because it is part of our collective environment.	Comment noted
6-27	Molly Huddleston: Santa Rosa, CA	Because this is one of California's beautiful and rich environments.	Comment noted
6-28	Venetia Large: Altadena, CA	Besides be wondrous and beautiful, the sea is important to our survival.	Comment noted
6-29	Natalie Ralston: Riverside, CA	Californians care about environmental diversity and protections.	Comment noted
6-30	Janice Pardoe: Berkeley, CA	Community engagement should also include multiple languages where appropriate. The activities that caused toxic buildup in the Salton Sea were not local in control or benefit. Therefore we're all responsible for making sure the SSMP is fair and effective.	Comment noted; the Public Notice was released in Spanish. Future outreach materials will be released in Spanish.
6-31	Patricia Lauer: Signal Hill, CA	Currently the Salton Sea is polluting the area.	Comment noted
6-32	Deborah Temple: San Rafael, CA	Duh. Why do I have to KEEP writing letters to PROTECT &/OR RESTORE what was, & SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE, HEALTHY, NATURAL, WILD? WE NEED TO RESTORE HABITAT, KEEP IT HEALTHY, SAFE, FUNCTIONAL, FOR THE OTHER ANIMALS ON THE PLANET BECAUSE ALL OF THAT KEEPS US HEALTHY, SAFE & FUNCTIONAL. WHO CAN'T FIGURE THIS OUT? REALLY? WHO?	Comment noted
6-33	Linda Garfield: Boulder Creek, CA	Dust suppression is a critical need. Not only does it sicken people, it coats the landscape with toxins. I look to the Owens Lake in Inyo County as an example. It took a long time, but finally LA Water was held accountable and was required to leave enough water in the dry lake bed to reduce the dust. The locals of nearby towns, like Olancho, couldn't even go outside on windy days. Now that there's water in the lake, it's improved the situation immensely. And since water has arrived there, so have many birds and other wildlife. The Salton Sea needs the same attention and needs it now! Please put time and resources into this effort to help the local residents and wildlife. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-34	Karen Donaldson: Grass Valley, CA	Efforts to fix the Salton Sea must be leveraged into real opportunities to address long term systemic issues in the region. We are all interconnected. Do the right thing.	Comment noted
6-35	Richard Ramirez: Kings Beach, CA	Environmental Health issues like the Salton Sea need to be addressed now! Families health are at stake. Any other toxic waste lake would be neutralized as soon as possible. Indigenous American lives could be lost if this toxic lake pit isn't dealt with immediately.	Reducing the toxicity of water in the Salton Sea is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-36	Jeanette King: Livermore, CA	Even though I do not live near it, as a Californian, I believe that it is important to protect the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-37	Saran Kirschbaum: Los Angeles, CA	Everything is connected and the Salton Sea is home to many creatures, if they lose their home where will they go? This will cause more problems.	Comment noted

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6-38	Jill Lawler: Cedar Glen, CA	For all our health and safety, the Salton Sea pollution must be addressed.	Comment noted
6-39	Terry Hawkins: San Francisco, CA	For the birds!	Comment noted
6-40	Cheryl Kozanitas: San Mateo, CA	For the health of the people and the migratory birds, RESTORE the Salton Sea. I live in CA and visited the Salton Sea once as a child. But I remember it fondly as a magnificent place.	Comment noted
6-41	Susan St Louis: Rancho Mirage, CA	For the hundreds of thousands of people in Southern CA who will be increasingly affected by the drying of the Salton Sea, action is imperative. Ploughing furrows to control dust won't fix the problem. Creating rim lakes won't fix the problem. The only solution that will actually fix the problem is ocean water import to restore the water levels in the Sea, and desalination and purification to make the water clean again for both wildlife and people. If we don't fix this problem now, it will get profoundly worse in the near future, and will cause loss of habitat for wildlife, and sickness and death in the people living around the Sea (and indeed, in a large swath of southern CA). No more feasibility studies! Water importation projects have been proven to work. The state has at least 11 ocean water import plans that have already been submitted. It's imperative that we do an engineering review of the plans already submitted, choose one, and get GOING on this!	Water importation is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Water importation is under consideration as part of the long-term plan.
6-42	Christina Farnsworth: Pacific Grove, CA	For the sake of all creatures, human and non-, Californians like myself and others, please DO THE RIGHT THING and revive this critical natural resource. Thank you!	Comment noted
6-43	Stephanie Peck: Carlsbad, CA	For too many years, stewardship of the Salton Sea has been neglected. As a resident of San Diego County, a concerned conservationist, and advocate for the environment, I Army Corps and CA Natural Resource Agency to take the necessary steps to invest in and restore the Salton Sea. It is a precious natural resource for the State of California!	Comment noted
6-44	Jerry Persky: Santa Monica, CA	HAVE BEEN VISITING SALTON SEA FOR 40 YEARS AND HAVE SEEN THE FISH DIE-OFF AND RETREAT OF THE WATER. ABSOLUTELY INTOLERABLE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY OF CONVERSATIONS AND PAPER PLANS BUT NO SIGNIFICANT ACTION.	Comment noted
6-45	Karina White: Sierra Madre, CA	Have you seen how many birds use the Salton Sea? It's just incredible. And they need all the help they can get.	Comment noted
6-46	Carol Ng: Los Angeles, CA	Having grown up in the Coachella Valley and going to the Salton Sea as a child, I feel vested in its future. I know it has suffered from many problems, but I also know it has been sadly neglected. It is time to do something positive that will enrich the lives of the people and the animals that live there.	Comment noted
6-47	Lionel Mares: Sun Valley, CA	Hello, I am writing about the Salton Sea. I believe it is very important for the State of California to save the Salton Sea. It is a part of California and wildlife depends on it. If the Salton Sea disappears, it will have a negative effect on the environment and wildlife. I urge you to please protect and save the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-48	Sandra Sterling: Borrego Springs, CA	Help precious migratory birds	Comment noted
6-49	Gail Ford: Oakland, CA	I am a lifelong Californian and California is dear to me because of its amazing diversity of eco systems. Unique perhaps in the world.	Comment noted
6-50	Ginny Madsen: San Leandro, CA	I am elderly and a 3rd generation Northern Californian but I visited southeastern CA annually for 35 years because I love the desert, both high and low? unfortunately I can't do that anymore. I spent a small amount of time near the Salton Sea because it was so lacking in amenities and services. During high water winters I could see its beauty and marveled at the number of birds, but it was obviously in need of help. Many other times I experienced high desert winds and know what a debris burden that wind can carry. If the Salton dries up the air pollution that will impact the population centers to the West will be like nothing anybody has seen and could make them unlivable. I love California and believe that we as a state can do so much better by this area.	Comment noted
6-51	Hal Forsen: San Clemente, CA	I am old enough to recall when the Salton Sea was relatively healthy, holding a wide variety of fish and the community itself was booming. It would be nice to see it like that again.	Comment noted
6-52	Jessica Craven: Los Angeles, CA	I am so worried about the environment in general, and want this precious resource protected.	Comment noted
6-53	David Nalbach: Rancho Cucamonga, CA	I believe that we need to do all we can to protect and wave our natural resources. I	Comment noted
6-54	Marilyn Eng: Diamond Bar, CA	I care about the environmental future of Californians.	Comment noted
6-55	Bruce Gilman: Los Angeles, CA	I care about the Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-56	Pamela Magathan: Los Angeles, CA	I care very much about helping keep this sea and it's people alive & well, thank you!	Comment noted
6-57	Ellis White Sr.: Moreno Valley, CA	I fished and camped at the Sea for many years raising my adult children there. At it's heights the Salton Sea was an unmatched fishing paradise. The Federal and State Governments destroyed it through constant neglect to fix the problems early on. Now five former species of fish are gone, its a shame and it is criminal.	Comment noted
6-58	Julie Beer: Palo Alto, CA	I have been a birder for many years and remember my visit to the Salton Sea about 15 years ago. I saw dead fish and remember a bad smell there. I felt terribly sorry for the people living near the lake. I found it depressing and would love to see the Salton Sea restored to a safer, healthier place for birds and local residents.	Comment noted
6-59	Derek Brown: Santa Cruz, CA	I have been fascinated by the Salton Sea story since I moved to California 40 years ago and fully support the restoration project. It should be paid for by a levy on agricultural water districts who clearly have more water than they can responsibly use. Just drive through CA ag districts in the summer and note the huge green lawns everywhere while the rest us shower with buckets in order to save and reuse every drop we can.	An agricultural levy is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-60	Mary Franz: Laguna Beach, CA	I have been in that sea. It was rotten and stank. Clearly, it needs help!	Comment noted
6-61	Jean Crossley: Santa Cruz, CA	I have been to the Salton Sea and it is a treasure.	Comment noted
6-62	Bruce Aird: Lake Forest, CA	I have been visiting the Salton Sea area 2-3 times a year for over 25 years. The changes taking place there have far-reaching, and often disastrous implications for local residents of Imperial County. But it isn't just the health of the people living there. From it's accidental beginnings, through the age of tourism to the age of agriculture, the Sea has been an important feature of the landscape in southern California. We need to find a way to keep it wet, not just for the people, but for the wildlife.	Comment noted
6-63	Mary Lou Rosczyk: Murrieta, CA	I have bird-watched at the Salton Sea a number of times. I find it dis-heartening to see the sea continue to shrink exposing more dust-laden playa. We must save this sea which is essential to migrating birds. Additionally, I would like to see encouragement to local residents to be involved in the process.	Comment noted
6-64	Emelie Neher: San Bernardino, CA	I have lived in California since 1968. All through these past years, there have been many reports, promises, and plans about the Salton Sea. Seems like many times plans get started but never finished. Please make a good viable plan and see it to completion!!!	Comment noted
6-65	Julie Clark: Petaluma, CA	I have visited the Salton Sea many times. It is precious habitat for migrating birds. Please manage to keep it alive.	Comment noted
6-66	Curtis Marantz: Riverside, CA	I have visited the Salton Sea regularly to survey bird populations over the last 40 years, and over time, it has become clear that the drop in water levels combined with increasing salinity has had a marked effect on bird and fish populations, and this has become particularly evident in the last five years. Increasing the flow of fresh water into the Salton Sea is a critical factor for keeping the native habitats viable to maintain biodiversity over the long term. Whatever is planned for the Salton Sea over the next ten years, I hope that water levels entering the Sea can be increased, because without reversing the increased salinity levels, it will be difficult to maintain bird populations around the Salton Sea.	Water importation is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Water importation is under consideration as part of the long-term plan.
6-67	Albert Raczka: El Centro, CA	I hike near the sea.	Comment noted
6-68	Scott Teachenor: Cathedral City, CA	I live 45 minutes from the shores of the Salton Sea. I see firsthand the environmental damage and repair needs necessary for this grand body of water. I personally use the area to recreate and be inspired by the lake's unique rare features. The region is in desperate need of remediation. Please take all necessary action to reverse and correct the problems and damages of the past have brought us to now	Comment noted
6-69	Sari Fordham: Riverside, CA	I live in California and a thriving Salton Sea is good for our state and for neighboring communities. Let's prioritize the health of this lake.	Comment noted

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6-70	Carrie Dagher: Joshua Tree, CA	I live in Joshua Tree and the pollution from the Salton Sea is definitely noticeable. I have driven to the Salton Sea and even on the highway well outside if the area my eyes burn and water. Critical clean up has to happen right now, this is a disaster for all of California and to bird and wildlife populations.	Comment noted
6-71	Faith Rendell: Cathedral City, CA	I live in the Coachella Valley and we seriously need the water to be in the Salton Sea for the health of all of us.	Comment noted
6-72	Thomas Mitchell: Apple Valley, CA	I live in the high desert but I've experienced wind blown sand and the soil by and in the Salton Sea is deadly. The Salton Sea is also one of the last bird sanctuary in Southern California	Comment noted
6-73	Marcia Krull: Idyllwild, CA	I live near the Salton Sea, which used to be a beautiful place to visit and a paradise for birding enthusiasts. Now it is a stinking remnant of its former self, with dead fish emitting a putrid smell. The Salton Sea should be restored to its former state, when it was a Mecca for visitors and birders.	Comment noted
6-74	Laurie Hidy: Hemet, CA	I lived near the Salton Sea and I had friends who own property there. It's a wonderfully unique and special body of water that must be saved. The Salton Sea is of interest to so many Californians who come from the north to visit and enjoy the ambiance of the Sea. Please do everything in your power to save this environmental treasure that's the last of it's kind. Thank you!	Comment noted
6-75	Robin Applegarth: Gualala, CA	I lived near the Salton Sea for decades and know how it could be a vibrant lake for birds to use and a recreational place for people. The degradation is has suffered is sad. Please make it a priority to help this ecologically important part of the Pacific Flyway.	Comment noted
6-76	Anthony Filippone: San Diego, CA	I love the Salton Sea, please protect it.	Comment noted
6-77	Paula Rainey: Alameda, CA	I strongly support efforts to restore the Salton Sea. In my youth I learned about this special area and the many birds and wildlife it supports. People in the area deserve to have good health too. Health of our lands and waters goes hand in hand with health of our populations. I support urgent action to restore the Salton Sea. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-78	Jeff Pathman: Redwood City, CA	I think it is important to restore habitat to its more original and wild designation. Please help ensure we add more water and restore the land so that many chemicals don't end up in people's lungs. I have asthma and likely got it while living in Los Angeles as child so I can empathize with these folks.	Comment noted
6-79	Jeffrey Roush: Yucca Valley, CA	I think this is an excellent opportunity to do a cleanup while the water is low. We must do something to extract the poisons our agricultural community had dumped in the Salton Sea. How? I have no idea, but we must start someplace.	Removing poisons from the Salton Sea is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-80	Tammy Cox: Hemet, CA	I use to go here with my mom and dad when I was a kid and took my kids we love it out there stop trying to make every thing look like the city we don't like the city	Comment noted
6-81	Pat Doherty: Cherry Valley, CA	I used to go to the salton sea and have been there many time when recreation was worth the trip . Something clearly must be done to restore it back to being a viable asset and not an environmental disaster .	Comment noted
6-82	Renee Jeska: Seal Beach, CA	I vacationed as a child at Salton Sea, when it was thriving. It is a critical wetland habitat and must be protected and restored.	Comment noted
6-83	Patricia Wong: Yorba Linda, CA	I walk my streets with a bag to collect and remove trash. I can't fix the Salton Sea but you can. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-84	Eleanor Lewis: San Mateo, CA	I want to take my kids to every corner of California and be able to tell them that we did everything we could to preserve and protect the land they would inherit. The Salton Sea deserves to be protected and restored, for both the birds and for the people who live near it. All it takes is the political will to make that happen.	Comment noted
6-85	Hunter Wallof: Jamestown, CA	I was born in Indio and this is a personal issue to me.	Comment noted
6-86	Georgia Berry: Santa Rosa, CA	I went to the Salton Sea as a child 60+ years ago and I was enthralled by the rocks and landscape. Please save this resource and cleanup the mess. Thanks.	Comment noted
6-87	Susan Stoveken: Long Beach, CA	If we don't take care of this planet, it will not be able to take care of us. All efforts to restore the health of our planet are necessary for our future survival as a species.	Comment noted
6-88	Martin Tripp: Santa Clarita, CA	!!! I can ask is that we take action and work as hard as possible to restore the Salton Sea. We should have been more proactive.	Comment noted
6-89	Thomas Knecht: Nipomo, CA	I'm a native Californian, a bird lover, and an environmentalist. Preserving the Salton Sea and its place in the ecosystem of our state is crucial to the web of life! The ecological health of the Salton Sea COMES FIRST before human wants and desires!	Comment noted
6-90	Deborah Shields: Laguna Beach, CA	Important area for birds!! It is a weird spot but interesting, important for birds. And interesting even if odd.	Comment noted
6-91	Larry Bodiford: Soulsbyville, CA	Impossible to respect ANY entity that feels it is OK to pollute our water for ANY reason! Public and planetary health depend on quality water. Period! For all the "pro-life" stance and proclamations by numerous people and corporations polluting our planet is NOT that on any level! Hypocrisy has no place on earth and decent, caring people do NOT participate in such negativity. Fine them and make the clean up their act - now!	Comment noted
6-92	Carolyn Kelso: Santa Cruz, CA	it is a natural feature of CA which should be preserved	Comment noted
6-93	Laura Dutton: Los Angeles, CA	It is criminal to let the Salton Sea perish when it is so important to migratory birds NOT TO MENTION the amount of toxic dust that is blown on marginal communities of people who harvest the Imperial Valley crops. When there was a huge fish die off a few year ago, the stench could be smelled as far away as Los Angeles. Is this anyway to manage what is left of Earth's dwindling resources-just to let a major body of water dry up?	Comment noted
6-94	Carl McKinzie: Santa Monica, CA	It is critically important that we protect the Salton Sea's landscape and people!	Comment noted
6-95	Joanne Katzen: Aptos, CA	It is important that the Salton Sea be restored for the value it has to the wildlife and the ecosystem of which it is a part. Also, the people in the surrounding area should not be subjected to the extreme hazard posed by the dust and dirt blown by the wind. These effects must be mitigated.	Comment noted
6-96	E Mather: San Diego, CA	It is important that we make a serious, expedited effort to mitigate the unhealthy situation at the Salton Sea. It is unhealthy for both people and animals. As a Californian and a resident of San Diego county, I urge you to take urgent action.	Comment noted
6-97	Laura Lind: Manhattan Beach, CA	It is important to fix the Salton Sea in the right way. People and wildlife need this sea to be clean and fun of water.	Comment noted
6-98	Pamela Sandberg: Fort Bragg, CA	It is important to protect the biodiversity of this area.	Comment noted
6-99	Terri Hutchison: San Clemente, CA	It is so sad that this beautiful body of water was left this way! People, animals lives and the ecosystem is negatively impacting local and thriving surrounding communities such as Palm Springs, Palm Dessert, Thermal, Joshua tree National Park. The Salton Sea could be a wonderful thriving destination if it was repaired. Please please help get this started	Comment noted
6-100	Janet Lorraine: Santa Rosa, CA	It is unfair and damaging to the health of so many people and animals to delay restoring the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-101	John Dillingham: Indian Wells, CA	It is way past time to revitalize the Salton Sea. Just don't,	Comment noted
6-102	Nancy Ringman: Palm Desert, CA	It is well past time to save this important resource. Let's clean it up and save it for future generations.	Comment noted
6-103	Rochelle La Frinere: San Diego, CA	It will cost astronomical amounts of money to compensate and cure people who get sick or die from letting the Salton Sea dry up, and the effect on birds would be another avoidable disaster. Instead, restore the SS to help slow the Sixth Mass Extinction, keep people healthy, and provide outdoor areas for appreciating wild life.	Comment noted
6-104	Angie Sanchez Franck: Concord, CA	It's a place on earth that needs to be corrected for the good of People & planet, Salton sea.	Comment noted
6-105	Sharon Webster: Huntington Beach, CA	It's an important national that must be protected	Comment noted
6-106	Sherrill Futrell: Davis, CA	It's as threatened as the Aral Sea, but because we have a democracy, we can save it.	Comment noted
6-107	Sheila Cockshott: Belmont, CA	It's been drying up for years and that's neglect. The migratory birds need it and the people who live near there need it. Why has this gone on so long? This is an urgent action!!	Comment noted
6-108	Dalton Hutchison: San Clemente, CA	It's cheaper to fix the salton sea than it is to pay out class action lawsuits for gross negligence of public health concerns. It's that simple.	Comment noted

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6-109	Jean Tepperman: Berkeley, CA	It's desperately important that humans stop destroying the earth and restore the damage we've already done as much as possible. The new UN report Making Peace with Nature is a great argument about why.	Comment noted
6-110	Kathleen Van Every: Atascadero, CA	It's part of our heritage as Californians. It needs to be Cleaned up for the people, wildlife & our future	Comment noted
6-111	Ruselle Revenaugh: Santa Cruz, CA	its such an important habitat for so many diverse plants and animals, including my dear brother who lives nearby. please help keep it (them all) alive and healthy!	Comment noted
6-112	Victoria Silver: Irvine, CA	It's time someone cleaned up the Salton Sea and environs, which in effect has been a dumping ground for agricultural and industrial run-off for decades, but for birds has been a migratory boon. Pay attention to the birds and the people, not to corporate profits.	Comment noted
6-113	Melanie Vollbrecht: Moorpark, CA	It's time to right the wrong we did a long time ago with the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-114	Pam Mckniff: Manhattan Beach, CA	I've been able to visit the Salton Sea and surrounding area. It is a unique bio system but in big trouble. As is the surrounding neighborhoods. How great to have the opportunity to improve the lives of wild life and CA residents	Comment noted
6-115	Jim Moseman: San Diego, CA	Keep the Sea wet! If not you condemn California poor with asthma and doom a large swathe of wild life	Comment noted
6-116	Sandra Morey: Oakland, CA	L.A. and it's immediate and outlying surroundings are subject to the toxic metals in the Playa of the Salton Sea. Californians have a very high incidents of asthma & other lung involving diseases, especially our children. I live in Oakland, CA and we get dust from Southern California. Our migrating bird species are deeply affected. What once was a productive stopover in their migration patterns is now toxic and dried up. Please consider them when you make your plans for managing this special place. Also butterflies, tortoises & endangered plants & animals of all species. I'm a native Californian and I love this state and do not plan to leave it.	Comment noted
6-117	David Harris: Ventura, CA	Let's desecration and neglect, more conservation and respect.	Comment noted
6-118	David Adams: Penn Valley, CA	Let's do better on restoring the largest lake in California!	Comment noted
6-119	Bonnie Macraith: Arcata, CA	Let's Get On It! Time to Act to Restore the Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-120	Dennis McIntyre: Laguna Niguel, CA	lets stop polluting and start repairing	Comment noted
6-121	Joan Reynolds Griffin: Nevada City, CA	Migratory species are already challenged. We must conserve all the habitats in their fly ways. Let's clean it up!	Comment noted
6-122	Mara Jeffress: Oakland, CA	My family like to camp and visit the deserts of our beautiful state. This is a beautiful natural Resource. Please Protect it.	Comment noted
6-123	Pamela Bay: Felton, CA	My family spent time enjoying Salton sea when I was a child in the 70s. Please help keep this special place so that we can all continue to enjoy it.	Comment noted
6-124	Sue Dileanis: San Jose, CA	My husband lived in this area and loves it. The current condition of the Salton Sea is harming a large human population as well as the birds. This is a very important area for local and migrating birds. This issue affects birds that don't necessarily live in the area, so fixing the current problems has a huge impact.	Comment noted
6-125	Arch Mcculloch: Morongo Valley, CA	My wife and I live in the high desert about 50 miles north of the Salton Sea. On windy days, we sometimes can see the dust plume from the exposed playa. Although little, if any of this dust reaches us, it's horrifying to consider the health impacts on people living in that plume.	Comment noted
6-126	Ross Heckmann: Arcadia, CA	My wife, my father- and mother-in-law, and I have toured the still-beautiful Salton Sea. Please do what is reasonably possible to ensure that it remains that way and even becomes fully restored.	Comment noted
6-127	Joan Greenwald: Los Angeles, CA	No poisons for your profits!	Comment noted
6-128	Jen Bradford: Spring Valley, CA	None of us can survive without a healthy ocean.	The scale of this comment is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-129	Annette Pirrone: San Anselmo, CA	Nothing is too small to make a difference in the wellbeing of the planet. The Salton Sea deserves our help.	Comment noted
6-130	Kim Floyd: Palm Desert, CA	Now is the time to get these projects in place on the playa. We need to protect the communities adjacent to the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-131	Helene Whitson: Berkeley, CA	Now that the sea is there, it needs to stay, especially with the West's severe drought and climate change problems.	Comment noted
6-132	Mike Sentovich: Los Alamitos, CA	Now that we are in the sixth great extinction we need to take action on providing healthy places for wildlife. Millions of birds need a healthy habitat of the Salton Sea. Also, it is especially important for the health of people living in the vicinity.	Comment noted
6-133	Brady Clay: Escondido, CA	Our environment at Salton Sea is NOT a trash receptacle. It is our home! If we don't do our best to keep it clean and healthy, we will toxify ourselves and the entire circle of life. That is not a fate we should tolerate in the name of negligence and convenience for a few generations of entitled and spoiled gluttons.	Comment noted
6-134	Sherry Vatter: Los Angeles, CA	Please act to save this magical area.	Comment noted
6-135	Genevieve Daugherty: Norwalk, CA	Please and Thank You	Comment noted
6-136	Erich Champion: Scotts Valley, CA	Please correct past wrongs.	Comment noted
6-137	Jon Walter Macey-Hanton: Agoura Hills, CA	please do the right thing thank you	Comment noted
6-138	Thorsten & Gail Ostrander: San Diego, CA	Please do the right thing.	Comment noted
6-139	Joanne Scott: Daly City, CA	Please help restore and protect the Salton Sea environment.	Comment noted
6-140	Angela Isaacs: Albany, CA	Please plan carefully and thoroughly to protect the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-141	Mir Faugno: Playa Del Rey, CA	Please Protect Our Earth	Comment noted
6-142	John Goldsmith: Ukiah, CA	Please protect the environment and people in and around the Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-143	Ronit Corry: Santa Barbara, CA	Please protect the Salton Sea. It is important for humans and animals, especially birds, alike. It is sadly getting smaller each year with more toxic dust affecting the people living near it. The Salton Sea needs to be kept alive and healthy!	Comment noted
6-144	Judith Cooper: Grass Valley, CA	Please protect this wildlife habitat. And make a healthier environment for humans living in the area. Thank you!!	Comment noted
6-145	Bettie Spatafora: Menifee, CA	Please restore and save Salton Sea. It is important to our State of California. Thank you for your attention. Bettie B. Spatafora	Comment noted
6-146	Deimile Mockus: Los Angeles, CA	Please restore the lake. Lots of lives depends on it.	Comment noted
6-147	Angela Gardner: Whittier, CA	Please restore the Salton Sea. So many residents in surrounding communities are suffering the health impacts of the dust coming from the dry sea area including not having clean air to breathe. It would benefit the wildlife and the overall environment impacted by climate change.	Comment noted
6-148	Catherine Krueger: El Cerrito, CA	Please restore the Salton Sea. We cannot have people and animals living near toxic dusts. It increases the cost of healthcare, minimizes the life of everyone in the vicinity and is not a healthy environment. We need to remove toxic agents from the planet and fight globally for the planet, against climate change.	Comment noted; removal of toxic agents and global considerations to climate change are outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan
6-149	Bonnie Arbuckle: Riverbank, CA	Please restore the Salton Sea; it is a precious home to many creatures.	Comment noted

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6-150	Thomas Kendrick: El Sobrante, CA	Please restore the Salton Sea's landscape and mitigate/remove the toxic metals and pesticides that are being exposed as the sea dries up. This is important to all Californians. Thank you!	Removal of toxic metals and pesticides is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-151	Matt Mailander: Palm Desert, CA	Please save the sea and our health in the area! A must, for our future in the area! Act now!	Comment noted
6-152	Valerie Zachary: Los Osos, CA	Please take care of the Salton Sea. It's a unique place and important to wildlife.	Comment noted
6-153	Douglas Berg: Cardiff, CA	Please take meaningful action ASAP to restore, upgrade and preserve the Salton Sea and neighborhoods on its shores, and halt human and animal exposure to toxic dust released from the drying lake bed. This matters hugely to me, despite living on the San Diego Co Coast, as well as the many thousands of people living much closer to this potentially exquisite (again) gem, now in dangerous faded glory	Comment noted
6-154	Deborah Bainbridge: Lower Lake, CA	Please take strong action to preserve and restore the Salton Sea--for people, for wildlife, and especially for decency and respect for mother earth.	Comment noted
6-155	Conor Soraghan: San Diego, CA	Please take the necessary steps ASAP to protect our vital Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-156	Phyllis d'Anna: San Carlos, CA	Please Take Urgent Action On Restoring The Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-157	William Lundeen: Lee Vining, CA	PLEASE! Restore for health of the people living there and the health of our land!	Comment noted
6-158	Gerry Williams: Thousand Oaks, CA	preserving the natural body of water for the birds who regularly use it is essential to the health of the region.	Comment noted
6-159	Noel Murray: Santa Cruz, CA	Preserving these unique ecosystems is imperative to maintain biological diversity	Comment noted
6-160	Diana Cole: Oceanside, CA	Protect our oceans	Comment noted
6-161	Karissa Fong: Chino, CA	Protect the environment.	Comment noted
6-162	bernard hochendoner: Patterson, CA	protect the salton sea	Comment noted
6-163	C Martinez: San Diego, CA	Protect the Salton Sea's landscape and people	Comment noted
6-164	Jeanette Desmond: Camarillo, CA	Protect this fragile beauty for our posterity!	Comment noted
6-165	Diane Pitzel: San Diego, CA	Protecting over 400 species of migratory birds from losing essential stopover habitat is what we need to do. California needs to restore more exposed shoreline.	Comment noted
6-166	Ann Dorsey: Northridge, CA	Protecting the environment protects our future.	Comment noted
6-167	Gretchen Pelletier: Escondido, CA	Putting off the care of the acres in and around the Salton Sea has gone on too long. Resources need to be allocated to this dying natural resource.	Comment noted
6-168	R Kadden: West Hills, CA	Recently I drove passed the Salton Sea and was horrified by the sight. Trash was all along the sides; water levels shockingly low; plus a haze or film altered the day's light. In that air were no doubt extremely harmful particles to the health and well-being of all forms of life. I am urging you to take swift, decisive action to positively rectify these baleful issues.	Comment noted
6-169	Belinda Thom: Mt Baldy, CA	Respond to saving the Salton Sea with the urgency the dangerous toxins it's dust produces deserves, and with the urgency that birds need to be protected in this new, climate changing world.	Comment noted
6-170	Dean Vogel: Davis, CA	Restoration is what keeps our earth whole.	Comment noted
6-171	Cheryl Herman: Chino Hills, CA	Restoration of this area is critical. I was scheduled a few years ago for a service trip here and it was cancelled because of the huge number of dead migratory birds. This is heart breaking.	Comment noted
6-172	Lauren Schiffman: El Cerrito, CA	Restore and protect this unique ecosystem.	Comment noted
6-173	Veronica Michael: Fairfield, CA	Restore not destroy	Comment noted
6-174	Susan Walker: Lake Arrowhead, CA	Restore Salton Sea. It is important to all of CA and all who love birds.	Comment noted
6-175	Ginna Duenes: San Ramon, CA	Salton Sea is a unique and valuable habitat. It should be saved for future generations.	Comment noted
6-176	Chuck Rocco: Simi Valley, CA	Salton sea is like mono lake : as the water level drops the residue, that is toxic, also dries out and is blown by the wind. This is a health hazard and needs to be addressed	Comment noted
6-177	Rayline Dean: Ridgecrest, CA	Salton Sea is truly precious nature for both wildlife animals & people to watch beautiful migrate birds as those birds need Salton Sea for their needs of survival.	Comment noted
6-178	Martha Ann Fitzpatrick: Dana Point, CA	Salton Sea needs to be protected and restored for the health of many types of fowl as well as humans.	Comment noted
6-179	Wayne Young: Redlands, CA	Salton Sea used to be a place we could go for fishing and relaxing. All California want it to stay. Do not rid use of our use for the benefit of people who want to build were it is. "We the people" want it to stay as the sea	Comment noted
6-180	Ronald Seidl: Banning, CA	Save the Salton Sea..it can be a great rec area again and is a sanctuary for birds/wildlife	Comment noted
6-181	Barbara Hosmer: Mission Viejo, CA	Since the salton sea is in a migratory zone, it's health affects all of us in California. Please do whatever you can to make and keep it health, and nothing that would put it in peril.	Comment noted
6-182	Roger Tiemey: Lake Forest, CA	So important that we turn around this tremendous loss of this major inland lake. It protects so much of our nature's delicate balance.	Comment noted
6-183	Wm Webster: Oroville, CA	Stop delaying cleanup of the Salton Sea playa.	Comment noted
6-184	Bruce Coston: Sunnyvale, CA	Stop the insanity . Didya notice authoritarianism & common law both need ~? special 1 says " . Never charge for candidate listings !	Comment noted
6-185	Bret Warner: Rancho Cucamonga, CA	Taking action to save the Salton Sea matters to me on a personal level because it can be a beautiful place to go paddle. There is something amazing about paddling on a giant lake out in the desert and still seeing snow capped mountains in the background. More importantly, however, taking action serves as a symbol that people in California truly care about underserved communities and how they can be affected by inaction. Even if there were no aesthetic benefits to saving the Salton Sea the health benefits the people in the surrounding communities will see by restoring the Sea are worth it by itself.	Comment noted
6-186	Ruth Stoner Muzzin: Montara, CA	Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for considering my views.	Comment noted
6-187	Jason Brock: Los Angeles, CA	The ball has been kicked down the road for decades. Time to act!	Comment noted
6-188	Don Wood: La Mesa, CA	The Corp of engineers should pursue a plan that includes digging a canal from the south end of the existing lake to the Gulf of California to allow seawater from the Pacific to reflood the Salton Sea and restore its shorelines to their old levels. Too much time and money have been wasted pursuing start and stop efforts that have done little or nothing to solve the real problems of the Salton Sea. This is one situation where sea level rise could help us solve a set of problems instead of causing them.	Water importation is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Water importation is under consideration as part of the long-term plan.
6-189	Vasu Murti: Oakland, CA	The Democratic Party platform should support: Animal Rights, Defending the Affordable Care Act, Ending Citizens United, Ending Marijuana Prohibition, Giving Greater Visibility to Pro-Life Democrats, Gun Control, Net Neutrality, Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15 an Hour, Responding to the Scientific Consensus on Global Warming, and a Sustainable Energy Policy. Democrats for Life of America, 10521 Judicial Drive, #200, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 424-6663	This comment is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-190	Jim Stewart: Lakewood, CA	The dust and dangerous chemicals blowing off the lakebed are killing the Native and Latinx people in the area. STOP IT NOW!	Comment noted

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6-191	Shelby Reeder: Twin Peaks, CA	The dust from the Salton Sea is a public health hazard and few resources are available to them. Please address this ongoing problem.	Comment noted
6-192	Joy Young: Mission Viejo, CA	The environment matters. The Salton Sea is part of the California landscape visible from the air by commercial aircraft. Please save this endangered natural resource so the people and animals around the Salton Sea can survive and thrive.	Comment noted
6-193	Elisse De Sio: San Carlos, CA	The essential reason to preserve Salton Sea, and the surrounding area, is to contribute to climate conservation. It is a treasure that should be preserved for future generations.	Comment noted
6-194	Billz Iams: San Jose, CA	The farms put the pollution there - let them clean it up. Further, in this geological age (since about 1900) that sea is an artificial lake. It's going to dry up.....	Comment noted
6-195	Stephanie Roberts: Cathedral City, CA	The future of the tourism industry in Palm Springs as well as the retirement communities of the Coachella Valley depend on clean air. Our agricultural workers already suffer by their location next to the Salton Sea. Clean air is a human right. Please help us continue to breathe. Thank You.	Comment noted
6-196	Erica Fox: Pebble Beach, CA	The health of the Salton Sea is important for the health of the community ecosystem, community, and California.	Comment noted
6-197	Martha Goldin: San Francisco, CA	The health of any part of our state affects the well being of all of our state. That is why we must move rapidly on the Salton Sea Management plan	Comment noted
6-198	Mitchell Bonner: San Francisco, CA	The Health of the Salton Sea residents is very important. The toxic dust needs to be treated to reduce its negative effects on peoples Health. The Salton Sea is an important migratory bird refuge, and needs to be stabilized and made safe for bird use.	Comment noted
6-199	Nan Singh-Bowman: Ben Lomond, CA	The ocean is vital to the health of this planet.	Comment noted
6-200	Susan Blain: San Diego, CA	The response must meet the need. Nothing less than what we are asking is acceptable.	Comment noted
6-201	Mary and Herman Waeljen: San Anselmo, CA	The Salton Sea is a treasure for birds and therefore for all of us Californians. So let's restore it and maintain it for a great future ecologically. Herman C. Waeljen	Comment noted
6-202	Gregory Stone: San Diego, CA	The Salton Sea and the surrounding area are an important natural resource that needs to be evaluated from a protection of nature and wildlife and reduction in climate change and greenhouse gas emissions.	Comment noted
6-203	Christine Sullivan: San Diego, CA	The Salton Sea has along history in California, some good, some bad. I think it's time we took responsibility for what has happened in the past and clean it up for good. This could mean the difference between life and death for thousands of migratory birds, as well as the migratory agricultural workers who are impacted by the dust and toxic fumes kicked up by the dry bed.	Comment noted
6-204	Joseph White: Cool, CA	The Salton Sea has always been and will continue to be an open, toxic cesspool.	Comment noted
6-205	Heidi Buech: Los Angeles, CA	The Salton Sea has become an important stopping place for migrating birds and is a unique tourist destination as well.	Comment noted
6-206	J Hansen: Alta Loma, CA	The Salton Sea has been a source of enjoyment for my extended family for years. Children were able to play and swim in its waters and it provided a great source of fishing for adults. It would be a shame to let it go. As the population in Southern California continues to grow, the recreational areas are becoming more crowded, costly and scarce. The Salton Sea is an area that provides low cost, safe recreation for "regular" families to enjoy. PLEASE keep restoration of the Sea high up in your 10-year plan projects.....	Comment noted
6-207	Joan Combes: Huntington Beach, CA	The Salton Sea has many functions, including as a source of water to 400 species of migratory birds. Worse, the toxicity of the area is rising due to heavy metals, overuse of pesticides, and shrinking water, causing illness and death to the people who live in the surrounding areas. The Army Corps of Engineers and the State must come up with a plan THIS YEAR to finally stop these tragedies. The entire State is watching.	Comment noted; pesticide control is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-208	Thomas Deetz: Watsonville, CA	The Salton Sea is a critical habitat for migratory birds, so its significance extends far beyond the local area. Like the Owens Lake the Salton Sea needs to have effective dust control to protect human and animal inhabitants for miles around. Thank-you.	Comment noted
6-209	Catherine Vidal: Ventura, CA	The Salton Sea is a great place to study birds migrating, for classes to learn about the importance of environmental protection, and how life, health and the climate/environment are co-dependent.	Comment noted
6-210	Teresa Bippert-Plymate: Tehachapi, CA	The Salton Sea is a liability right now, and it could be a major resource. Let's get it cleaned up and refilled enough to support life again.	Comment noted
6-211	Kat Gelles: San Francisco, CA	The Salton Sea is a major site which needs to be addressed, both for the people who live within the reach of the pollution and the wildlife. This site should be in restoration yet the delays have endangered the health of the inhabitants - both human and wildlife. This is not acceptable ~ non action is continuing pollution in an area which could be restored, providing habitat and tourist revenue.	Comment noted
6-212	Robert Bagel: Yucca Valley, CA	The Salton Sea is a misused and neglected natural asset worthy of budgeting of resources to repair The Sea, control its negative health effects, and increase its appeal as a wildlife corridor, especially for migratory birds.	Comment noted
6-213	Audrey Colombe: San Jose, CA	The Salton Sea is a rare ecosystem and the whole idea of the "west" in the U.S. depends on us preserving the wide variations in the western landscape. It is part of our birthright as Americans: the wide open spaces. We HAVE to protect them for ourselves, for posterity, for science. (NOT FOR PROFIT)	Comment noted
6-214	Conrad Welling: San Diego, CA	The Salton Sea is a remarkable and significant resource for the citizens and wildlife of the Western United States, but it has been allowed to degrade and, thus, endanger both. Please take action now and begin restoring the rich natural resource that the Salton Sea can be. Do not allow the Salton Sea to slowly die and become the 'Aral Sea of America'. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-215	Gerold Wharton: Oceanside, CA	The Salton Sea is a unique environment with chronic issues since its accidental creation. It's my hope that future projects consider the entire scope of the Salton Sea's negative impacts including pesticide residue, algae blooms, foul odors, etc. I'm sure there is no easy solution and it will take input from various groups to work together.	Issues related to pesticide residue, algae blooms, and foul odors in the Salton Sea are outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-216	Marie Ammerman: Simi Valley, CA	The Salton Sea is a unique landmark in California, and restoring the shoreline will not only preserve that history, but make the environment safer for everyone around it. Please act now, and get the work done. Thank you!	Comment noted
6-217	Tessa Dick: Crestline, CA	The Salton Sea is a vital part of our environment and needs protection, preservation and restoration.	Comment noted
6-218	Chris Rose: Petaluma, CA	The Salton Sea is a vital ecosystem that must be protected from ecological damage.	Comment noted
6-219	Linda Morgan: San Pablo, CA	The Salton Sea is absolutely vital to the survival of migrating birds. Humans have sucked dry all the natural sources of water these birds have depended on over the centuries and now you are leaving nothing but poisonous dust clouds blowing across a dry landscape where the water they needed used to be. People also used to be able to depend on the Salton Sea, many still live there. Now they too are being poisoned. You have an obligation to fix this.	Comment noted
6-220	Laura Malchow-Hay: Oakland, CA	The Salton Sea is an environmental and public health crisis that must be prioritized. The goal of restoring 30,000 acres is necessary to address the health issues of the community living near the sea. Please expedite projects addressing air and water quality around the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-221	Paulette Schindele: San Marcos, CA	The Salton Sea is an extremely important area for countless migrating birds. Without its life-giving waters these birds will perish. Additionally, if allowed to dry out the toxic dust created blows across the land and creates health issues for the people living in the surrounding areas. Keeping the Salton Sea supplied with water allows both our wildlife and our people alive.	Comment noted
6-222	Cynthia Florenzen: Healdsburg, CA	The Salton Sea is an important environmental area for the state and serious measures must be taken to bring it back from the brink of disappearing, depriving many of the flora and fauna that depend upon it.	Comment noted
6-223	Clare Piaget: Indian Wells, CA	The Salton Sea is an important feature worth saving, for the people who live there, the wildlife and the environment. Without major remediation, the dust will cause severe health issues for people throughout the Coachella valley.	Comment noted
6-224	Elaine Cass: Moreno Valley, CA	The Salton Sea is an important stop for wildlife, particularly migratory birds. But it's also important to the health of the people who live in the area to have the pollution cleaned up. We need to stop writing off people or parts of the environment, simply because they don't directly impact us. We all are connected, ultimately.	Comment noted
6-225	Julianne Frizzell: Palo Alto, CA	The Salton Sea is an incredible and valuable body of water for all Californians - humans as well as the wild creatures. We need a state plan for protecting the Salton Sea and its environs. Please act now!	Comment noted
6-226	Eileen Mitro: Ukiah, CA	The Salton Sea is an old remnant of California. Its demise is a sad portrait of where we have come in our over development. Worse is the polluted air blowing off the dried areas of the Sea and how it affects the respiratory systems of not just humans, but also fauna and likely even the surface areas of plants. Some degree of protection and restoration should be started as soon as possible.	Comment noted
6-227	Robert Drey: Monterey Park, CA	The Salton Sea is an unique landscape that is worthy of additional protection	Comment noted

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6-228	Conrad Melton: Sun City, CA	The Salton Sea is drying up – and we need a plan for protecting the landscape and its people. People care about the Sea and its future	Comment noted
6-229	Sharon Sprouse: Poway, CA	The Salton Sea is fragile. It must be protected so the people and animals that live near there are protected also.	Comment noted
6-230	Jade English: Sacramento, CA	The Salton Sea is greatly important to the ecology of California. Please continue to protect this endangered area.	Comment noted
6-231	Connie Arnold: Elk Grove, CA	The Salton Sea is home to 400 species and migratory birds and must be restored and protected. Californians care about the cleanup of the Salton Sea from toxic heavy metals and dangerous conditions posed to the public and wildlife. The Army Corps of Engineers must prioritize projects that restore the environment of the area to provide for the sustainability of the Salton Sea and diversity of species the environment supports. California is behind in restoring 30,000 acres of critical shoreline habitat which must receive a priority to avoid the lakebed from drying up and imposing further harm to human health and the lives of 400 critical species of migratory birds. Please move forwards to protect the Salton Sea and restore the habitat to a pristine level.	Comment noted
6-232	Aaron Miller: Valley Glen, CA	The Salton Sea is important to California's ecology and environment, and we should do everything we can to save it.	Comment noted
6-233	Peter Booth Lee: San Francisco, CA	The Salton Sea is important!	Comment noted
6-234	Bradley Greer: Altadena, CA	The Salton Sea is one of the most spectacular places on Earth. Please do whatever you can to save this wonder.	Comment noted
6-235	Jost Diederichs: Poway, CA	The Salton Sea is so important for migrating birds, please restore the safe place for them.	Comment noted
6-236	Susan Hanger: Topanga, CA	The Salton Sea is such a critically important flyway and must be protected and preserved.	Comment noted
6-237	Irma Araneta: Los Angeles, CA	The Salton Sea is the destination of many migratory birds. It needs to be preserved.	Comment noted
6-238	Lesley Hunt: Walnut Creek, CA	The Salton Sea is the only large body of water in this corner of California, so it is crucial to preserve it for the wildlife. When you go there, it is immediately clear how different it is. The people who live and work in the area are also deserving of a plan – and action – that will clean up the environment and give them health protections. It's time to make decisions about what to do and start implementing them.	Comment noted
6-239	Jane MacFarlane: Los Angeles, CA	The Salton Sea is very rare - please protect it and keep it from being developed	Comment noted
6-240	Linda Oster: Escondido, CA	The Salton Sea is way too important to California.	Comment noted
6-241	Maryellen Redish: Palm Springs, CA	The Salton Sea means a great deal to all of us in the Coachella Valley.	Comment noted
6-242	Elliott Bronwein: Newhall, CA	The Salton Sea must be preserved and restored; if it is left to deteriorate, it will harm the neighboring human population along with the migratory birds that depend upon the unique sea environment.	Comment noted
6-243	Angela Di Berardino: Los Gatos, CA	The Salton Sea needs help, and as a Californian, I am asking you to make sure it can be revived so that human beings are not made ill from it's dust, and birds can stay safe there. PLEASE do whatever is needed!!!!	Comment noted
6-244	Linda Nauman: Los Gatos, CA	The Salton Sea needs to be protected for future generations.	Comment noted
6-245	Martin Iseri: Fair Oaks, CA	The Salton Sea perfectly illustrates where the welfare of fauna, the land and waters, and people all come together.	Comment noted
6-246	Daniel Frink: Davis, CA	The Salton Sea provides a large amount of habitat for migratory waterfowl and other species. Due to the tremendous amount of natural wetlands that have been lost in California, the role of the Salton Sea is especially important.	Comment noted
6-247	Karen Jacques: Sacramento, CA	The Salton Sea requires immediate action. Every day that nothing is done, the public health crisis that it is causing worsens. The surrounding communities are poor and this is an environmental justice issue. In addition to the human health impacts, the current state of the Salton Sea is negatively impacting the migratory birds that have always come there. They are losing critical habitat at a time when surveys have made it clear that bird populations all over the US and the world are dropping. This is an extinction/biodiversity crisis that must be addressed. Everyone's intentions are good, but the Salton Sea, the people who live near it and the migratory birds that depend on it are all running out of time.	Comment noted
6-248	Michael & Nancy Henn: Piedmont, CA	The Salton Sea used to be full for decades until about 15-20 years ago when an environmentally disastrous decision was made by regional water agencies to divert more Colorado River water to the suburban sprawl in San Diego. This increased allocation was made without an EIR or mitigations. That is why this disaster is happening.	Comment noted
6-249	John Le Pouvoir: Pollock Pines, CA	The Salton Sea was born of a mistake; let's not add to the problems by letting it dry up now that it has become the site of human and natural resilience.	Comment noted
6-250	Gretchen Whisenand: Santa Rosa, CA	The Salton Sea, artificial creation though it was, has now become crucial as part of the Pacific Flyway. Our beleaguered birds can ill afford yet another loss of habitat!	Comment noted
6-251	Paul Gibb: Palm Springs, CA	The sea has been receding for years, and there have been more panels, studies, and meetings than one can tally. They usually end in a stalemate, or people leave the party because they don't get their way, and few politicians follow through with any promises they boisterous propose. This needs to stop and someone take charge with a commitment to finish this project. Let's get the show on the road.	Comment noted
6-252	Lenette Weishaar: Vallejo, CA	The sea is important to all Californians and the health of the environment, wildlife, and humans must be protected. This must be acted upon immediately	Comment noted
6-253	Selby Schwartz: San Francisco, CA	The situation at the Salton Sea is a microcosm of many issues we face as Californians, from the disproportionate impact of pollution on already-marginalized groups to the terrifying loss of habitat for migratory birds. We need to put energy—and funding—into protecting this natural resource for the species that depend upon it. And we need to acknowledge—and address—the fact that racialized, low-income communities are being most affected by climate change and pollution. I urge you to take action to restore the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-254	Carol Momahon: North Highlands, CA	The state needs to complete the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) asap so no more harm is done to humans and animals.	Comment noted
6-255	Lynda Lynch: Alameda, CA	The Sultan sea is an important part of the eco system, many avian species depend on this body of water. The more concentrated it becomes, the more pesticides and heavy metals poison both humans and animals. Remediation is an emergency.	Comment noted
6-256	Janet Parkins: Oakland, CA	The toxic dust from the dry lakebed is sickening nearby residents, causing respiratory illness and premature death, and is threatening the 400 species of migratory birds who live and migrate through this area. We need an action plan to fix this serious problem.	Comment noted
6-257	Al Shayne: Los Angeles, CA	the very flower, the very essence, of humanity...	Comment noted
6-258	Sally Pooler: Palm Desert, CA	There are many reasons why the Salton Sea needs to be protected. The effects of degradation of the Sea extend far beyond the local area. 1. The Salton Sea is an essential fly way and rest area for migrating birds along the west coast. 2. As the Salton Sea evaporates, the toxic agricultural run off from intensive farming is concentrated and has been lethal to fish. 3. Also, as the Sea evaporates, the toxic sand becomes airborne during the frequent high winds that we experience in the desert and causes health problems for people who live many miles from the Sea itself. Children living in the eastern end of the Coachella Valley are especially impacted and experience high rates of asthma.	Comment noted
6-259	Marjorie Xavier: Hayward, CA	This beautiful sea needs to be protected for wildlife and people.	Comment noted
6-260	Fiorella Russo-Jang: Martinez, CA	This definitely needs to be cleaned up to prevent the toxic dust! Thank you.	Comment noted
6-261	Gregg Oelker: Altadena, CA	This has been a problem for so many years. Doing little has only increased the problem.	Comment noted
6-262	Gloria Boyd: Atascadero, CA	This is a nature preserve	Comment noted
6-263	Lily Lau-Enright: Sacramento, CA	This is a growing disaster with devastating consequences but YOU can take effective action immediately. No time to waste. Please restore and protect the Salton Sea. Its decline and demise has devastating consequences for all humans and flora and fauna in its sphere.	Comment noted
6-264	Paul Edelman: Woodland Hills, CA	This is a really neat special place. Give it what it deserves please.	Comment noted
6-265	Rita Summers: Pacific Grove, CA	This is a tragic health crisis that will only get worse without more and better action. The items listed in the petition are reasonable and I support them as a minimum.	Comment noted
6-266	Karen Lull: Claremont, CA	This is a very valuable part of our entire ecosystem and should be preserved as we become more aware of damage being done to our planet.	Comment noted

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6-267	Mark Hanisee: Riverside, CA	This is about birds and air quality.	Comment noted
6-268	Louise Rangel: Santa Paula, CA	This is an area needing improvement and restoration for the environment and wildlife. The contamination and pollution is appalling.	Comment noted
6-269	Laurel Harris: Rutherford, CA	This is an ecologically important area for California, as well as for the birds, wildlife and people who live nearby. Please do everything possible to restore this ecosystem!	Comment noted
6-270	erin snyder: riverside, CA	This is an extremely unique ecosystem the migrating waterfowl and others greatly depend upon. It is a treasure to the state of California and please, it must be protected and cared for.	Comment noted
6-271	Fritz Pinckney: Napa, CA	This is another wildlife reserve. So what happens when you destroy it?	Comment noted
6-272	Terri Wiley: San Clemente, CA	This is good!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Comment noted
6-273	Elliott Gordon: Irvine, CA	This is important.	Comment noted
6-274	Belinda Kein: San Diego, CA	This is not just a local issue. All Californians are concerned about the future of the Salton Sea and the ecological impact if it is not maintained and sustained for fish and birds and wildlife as well as the surrounding community. We must act now, before it is too late!	Comment noted
6-275	S Supporter: Los Gatos, CA	This is occurring all over our country Money over people & the environment. This pollution must stop. Life over money. Safety & life over polluters . Notice polluters money doesn't help the people dying	Comment noted
6-276	Joyce Foster: Los Angeles, CA	This is very important. The Salton Sea is critical.	Comment noted
6-277	Meleina Mayhew: Los Angeles, CA	This isn't just a local issue -- all of California cares about the Salton Sea, and we need to get to work protecting its people and environment!	Comment noted
6-278	Nancy Auker: Oakland, CA	This isn't just a local issue -- all of California cares about the Salton Sea. We need to get to work protecting its people and environment.	Comment noted
6-279	Carolyn Boor: Rancho Cucamonga, CA	This matters to me as I was able to spend a weekend at the Salton Sea during the first annual Salton Sea Bird Festival several years ago. From the bubbling mud pots to the number of bird species I saw there plus many other wonders - this place has special meaning to me.	Comment noted
6-280	Antonia Chianis: Blue Jay, CA	This message says it all for Californians, so please fix whatever is necessary to heal the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-281	Shellie Krick: Pleasant Hill, CA	This poses a real threat to the health of the people in the region. We need to take better care of our water and lands as this is the only Earth we have.	Comment noted
6-282	Natalie Blasco: Anderson, CA	This special area is fragile and simply must be protected.	Comment noted
6-283	Mary Driskill: Mission Viejo, CA	This was a place our family visited when I was a child--it brings back happy memories. Please protect it and it's inhabitants. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-284	Perry Gx: Tustin, CA	Time Is Now To Address The Salton Sea Landscape Prompt, Proper & Swiftly.	Comment noted
6-285	Elizabeth Potter: Oakland, CA	Time to bring back this unique national treasure.	Comment noted
6-286	Sara Bruce: San Jose, CA	Unique and precious environments must be preserved. If they are not, a ripple effect harms other places. We also have no right to deprive future generations of these special places.	Comment noted
6-287	Jeffery Olson: Vista, CA	Upsetting the natural world will come back to haunt us.	Comment noted
6-288	Marilyn Levine: Mountain View, CA	Urgent action needed to restore the Salton Sea!	Comment noted
6-289	Dianne Sullivan: Modesto, CA	USA GOVERNMENT MUST REALIZE BY NOW THAT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ARE HEALTH CONCERNS. GOV. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MUST NOT ENGAGE IN ANY PROJECT THAT WILL ULTIMATELY HARM USA RESIDENTS IF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE NOT EVALUATED, DETERMINED TO NOT HARM. I WAS ALARMED TO LEARN THAT HEAVY METALS IN THE SALTON SEA DUST IS CARRIED IN THE AIR & DEFINITELY HARMS CA RESIDENTS. ESPECIALLY THOSE NEARBY. BUT WE KNOW THE WIND CARRIES THESE AIRBORNE HEAVY METALS MUCH FURTHER. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS MUST NOT ALLOW ANY OTHER SUCH DISASTER. ARMY CORPS OR EPA MUST FIND A WAY TO REMEDIATE THE SALTON SEA WIDESPREAD TOXICITY PROBLEM THAT IS KILLING BIRDS & HARMING, CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS WITH ITS AIRBORNE TOXIC HEAVY METALS.	Remediation of toxic materials is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-290	Steve Mitrovich: Mount Shasta, CA	Very concerned about any water issues and birds in this state!	Comment noted
6-291	Gerard Ridella: Castro Valley, CA	Salton Sea started as a disaster & then nothing was done to protect it. It is now beyond time to save this environment as Nature has done all She could.	Comment noted
6-292	Adrienne Metter: Santa Barbara, CA	We all need the Salton!	Comment noted
6-293	Laura Strom: Los Angeles, CA	We can and must do better by our environment and our planet.	Comment noted
6-294	Peter Duyan: San Francisco, CA	We can't afford to lose any of our natural resources. Save the Salton Sea.	Comment noted
6-295	Damon Maguire: McKinleyville, CA	We don't need another Aral Sea in the world. Don't let the Salton Sea decline any further.	Comment noted
6-296	Noreen Weeden: San Francisco, CA	We have been visiting the Salton Sea every winter to see the birds and other wildlife. Funding is needed to protect people from air quality issues from the lack of water. And it is essential to provide funding for habitat restoration to protect this important bird habitat. Now is the time to evaluate the potential biologically friendly energy sources (geothermal and lithium) to see if partnerships can contribute to the economy while preserving this special place.	Regarding habitat and air quality concerns: comment noted. Regarding biological friendly energy sources: this is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
6-297	Lisa Hammermel: Granada Hills, CA	We have little open space left, leave them alone or expand these spaces.	Comment noted
6-298	Nathan White: San Diego, CA	We have the solutions so long as we involve all of the constituents. Our team is able to restore the Salton Sea, Laguna Salada, Norther Sea of Cortez, Colorado River Delta and the Colorado River basin for +/- 1 billion. All we need is support and the platform to deploy this global restoration template and fix the Salton Seas toxic dust health, Life and safety issues. Join us at www.agesinc.com	Comment noted
6-299	Gita Dev: Woodside, CA	We have to move fast to keep up with the changes climate changes is bringing leave alone additional problems that we are creating	Comment noted
6-300	Charles Fox: Santa Monica, CA	We may never again visit Salton Sea. My wife and I are old. But we remember so well our few trips to the area and the glories of nature we have experienced there, with great fondness. And we hope generations after us will also be gifted with the strangeness and wonder of the sea.	Comment noted
6-301	Fjaere Mooney: North Hollywood, CA	we must do all we can to save The Salton Sea. It is an ecosphere and we owe it to our State to keep our wildlands and wildlife safe. This is called STEWARDSHIP	Comment noted
6-302	J. Apsaga: Alta Loma, CA	We must make a positive decision to protect natural wonders.	Comment noted
6-303	Sergio Hernandez: Clovis, CA	We must protect our water and natural resources.	Comment noted
6-304	Robert Kolesnik: Upland, CA	We must protect the environment and our natural resources, including the Salton Sea. Thank you for your consideration.	Comment noted
6-305	Teresa Lease: Idyllwild, CA	We must protect the migratory birds who come to the Sea. Also, how about curtailing all the poison used in agriculture. Protect all residents and animals now!	Comment noted; Curtailing agriculture inputs is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year plan.
6-306	Jana Perinchief: Sacramento, CA	We must protect this unique natural environment.	Comment noted
6-307	Joan Stern: San Diego, CA	We must protect what we can at the Salton Sea. We cannot let our treasured places disappear.	Comment noted
6-308	Hilary Danehy: Fremont, CA	We must save this treasure of nature!	Comment noted
6-309	Anne Zimmerman: San Francisco, CA	We need places like this, but in a cleaner (not polluted) natural state. We need to prevent extinction of wildlife and the destruction of habits for their health, our health and the planet.	Comment noted

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6-310	Lu Carpenter: San Francisco, CA	We need these places for recreation and wildlife habitat, wild places are fast disappearing from America the Beautiful. We don't want America the Strip Mall.	Comment noted
6-311	Kimberly Helzer: Redlands, CA	We need to do all we can to preserve nature. Please help save the Salton Sea. Thank you.	Comment noted
6-312	J.B. Oakland, CA	We need to improve and restore rather than deplete ANY natural resources. What the Army Corps of Engineers may not understand is the intricate web that our resources share and need to support and thrive. Remove any strand and the results could be catastrophic.	Comment noted
6-313	Jimmie Oneal: Meadow Valley, CA	We need to preserve all of the natural environment that we can to work back towards a balance in nature	Comment noted
6-314	Michael Ann Herring: Irvine, CA	We need to prevent a climate disaster for Southern California	Preventing a climate disaster in Southern California is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year plan.
6-315	Vanessa Reynolds: Moreno Valley, CA	We need to protect every landscape and resource that the Earth gives us. If we don't, what will we have left of our home? We must protect and save!	Comment noted
6-316	Sharon Byers: Downey, CA	We need to protect our environment.	Comment noted
6-317	Eileen Donnelly: Santa Cruz, CA	we need to protect the earth	Comment noted
6-318	Pat Turney: Hayward, CA	We need to protect the habitat for the animals!	Comment noted
6-319	Patrick Ryan: Cathedral City, CA	We need to protect this area for the nature of it.	Comment noted
6-320	Bruce Burns: San Diego, CA	We need to restore the Salton Sea as soon as possible to stop the destruction of our natural resources.	Comment noted
6-321	Dennis Young: Pismo Beach, CA	We need to save as much of the natural world around us as possible, if we intend to save ourselves.	Comment noted
6-322	Francesca Rago: Pleasant Hill, CA	We need to save our planet .	Comment noted
6-323	Maureen Shockley: Berkeley, CA	We need to save the birds	Comment noted
6-324	Michael Barnett: San Francisco, CA	When I was younger I spent a lot of time in the desert areas of CA and NV and the Salton Sea was one of the saddest sights I ever saw. The Sea, the land, the wildlife and human life all around the Salton Sea need a strong, environmentally sound plan to save the area. Please support the Sierra Club's recommendations for saving this unique area for both current and future generations.	Comment noted
6-325	Daniel Brower: Fremont, CA	While the Salton Sea is not a natural lake, due to habitat loss elsewhere, the lake is a critical stopover habitat for migrating birds. For this reason and many more, the Salton Sea Restoration Programs concern me, a taxpayer, voter and resident of Northern California. The time for talking, studying, debating and stalling is past. Action is needed now!	Comment noted
6-326	Lisa Cutler: Twentynin Pim, CA	Wild sea birds, fish, and desert animals depend on the Salton Sea. Please help to enhance the Salton Sea by completing your project to save this environment.	Comment noted
6-327	Harry Knapp: Riverside, CA	Wildlife, both flora and fauna, is beautiful life. Please preserve all forms of wildlife.	Comment noted
6-328	Anita Watkins: Oakland, CA	Will you FINALLY do the right thing and take meaningful steps to improve and protect the Salton Sea?	Comment noted
6-329	Elizabeth Berteaux: Davis, CA	Years ago I visited the Salton Sea specifically to see the birds. It was a lovely trip and I hate to think of this landscape as disappearing. It should be saved for future generations to enjoy.	Comment noted
6-330	Steve Sketo: Bakersfield, CA	YOU MUST ALWAYS USE DUE DILIGENCE WHEN MOVING AHEAD ON ANY PROJECT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS NOT DONE AS A RULE, AND THIS MUST BE STOPPED POSTHASTE. FUN FACT - IF WE KILL THE PLANET, WE DIG OUR OWN GRAVES! (AND DON'T FORGET TO DIG ONES FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN!)	Comment noted
6-331	Lynn Smith: Capistrano Beach, CA	YOUR HELP IN PROTECTING THIS AREA IS CRUCIAL FOR THE BIRD SPECIES THAT NEED THIS UNIQUE SPACE. CREATE THE PROTECTION BOLDY THANK YOU IN ADVANCE	Comment noted
7	Jonathan M. Weisgall, Berkshire Hathaway Energy	<p>I am writing on behalf of CalEnergy Operating Corporation, a subsidiary of BHE Renewables, LLC, and BHE Renewables, LLC, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy (collectively referred to as "CalEnergy"), to provide comments on the Special Public Notice for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") to establish alternative permitting procedures to implement the Salton Sea Management Program's Phase I: 10-Year Plan ("10-Year Plan").</p> <p>CalEnergy owns and operates ten geothermal plants located adjacent to the Salton Sea that produce 350 megawatts of electricity. At the outset, it is important to note that this geothermal resource is hydraulically disconnected from the Salton Sea. The Salton Sea has a maximum depth of approximately 43 feet. CalEnergy's 23 production wells are at least half a mile deep, and they bring up geothermal brine from a reservoir deep below the Earth's surface at temperatures as high as 500 °F. The Salton Sea's existence, including the issues identified in the SSMP's 10-Year Plans, are thus not related to CalEnergy's geothermal resource. The geothermal brine is a saline solution saturated with dissolved metals and minerals, such as iron, calcium, sodium, potassium, manganese, magnesium, zinc – and lithium. When the brine reaches the Earth's surface, it flashes into steam, which is used to power turbines and generate electricity. The spent brine is returned to the geothermal reservoir through 21 injection wells to sustain the renewable geothermal resource.</p> <p>CalEnergy's geothermal plants, some of which have been operating for more than 35 years, process about 50,000 gallons per minute of geothermal brine. If we can recover the lithium from this brine, our existing geothermal plants could produce enough lithium to meet almost one-third of today's entire global lithium demand. Our undeveloped resource would more than triple this amount.</p> <p>However, the technology to extract lithium from geothermal brine has not yet been proven on a commercial scale. That has been the primary barrier to advancing this opportunity. We therefore applied for – and won – two competitive research and development matching fund grants totaling nearly \$21 million – one from the California Energy Commission and one from the U.S. Department of Energy – to build a demonstration project to recover lithium chloride from our geothermal brine and another demonstration plant to convert that lithium chloride into battery-grade lithium hydroxide. If successful, this closed-loop technology would become the world's most environmentally friendly lithium recovery process and one of the most cost-effective. Successful lithium production from geothermal brine could also become the catalyst to revive Imperial County's decades-old geothermal power industry, not just creating new jobs in the area but also lowering the price of baseload geothermal power for the benefit of California customers.</p> <p>CalEnergy has long been an active supporter of the Salton Sea restoration and mitigation effort. There is, for example, a long history of good neighbor relations between the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge and CalEnergy's geothermal facilities. We are an active member of the Imperial County community and employ a workforce of about 225 people. We are one of the largest employers in Imperial County and have paid more than \$45 million in property taxes to Imperial County in the last eight years.</p> <p>CalEnergy's most direct interest in the 10-Year Plan is Goal 2 – the development of dust suppression projects to address air quality concerns at the Salton Sea. We are on record as strong supporters of dust mitigation efforts at Red Hill Bay, where we have lessee rights to access subsurface geothermal and mineral resources, which includes surface access for wells and pipelines. In that regard, we strongly support the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's goal of establishing long-term wildlife habitat at Red Hill Bay and would like to be involved in the planning to allow for very limited surface well pads that will be necessary to access our subsurface rights. In a similar way, we strongly support USACE's emphasis on dust suppression and urge it, in implementing Goal 2, to recognize and respect CalEnergy's ability to utilize both surface and subsurface rights to these lands, including geothermal and mineral recovery development. In general, we believe that CalEnergy's needs are compatible with the 10-Year Plan and the letter of permission procedures regarding habitat restoration and dust suppression.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of our views.</p>	SSMP projects would require land access rights and projects would be sited to avoid existing and planned development.

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8	Daniel Bañaga	<p>I would like to formally submit the attached letter, petition, 20,315 signatures, and petition comments for the upcoming SSMP Public Hearing held by the Army Corps. Unfortunately, the attached petition missed the previous public hearing held by the CA State Water Board, so I've cc'd it to the appropriate members. https://www.change.org/p/u-s-army-corps-of-engineers-restore-historic-water-levels-at-the-salton-sea-with-treated-clean-water?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=custom_url&recruited_by_id=deaa72c0-9255-11eb-b93f-f54830ccef9d</p> <p>The Salton Sea is disappearing. While this loss will undoubtedly affect thousands of species of wildlife, the toxic nature of the sea also poses a genuine threat to human respiratory health. The effects will be widespread and felt not only by local folks, but millions of people who live in Los Angeles, Mexico, and Arizona.</p> <p>The California Natural Resources Agency together with the Army Corps of Engineers have developed a draft plan intended to manage the negative impacts of harmful dust created by receding water levels.</p> <p>State officials openly acknowledge they're running 18 years behind schedule. Residents who routinely endure the dangerous effects of exposed playa have waited long enough for help.</p> <p>This petition seeks the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pressure Governor Gavin Newsom to accept Imperial County Board of Supervisor's State of Emergency declaration at the Salton Sea. 2. Provide communities on the shoreline with emergency resources to improve surrounding water conditions within one year. 3. Commit to a long-term solution that will improve water quality, lower salinity levels, and restore historic water levels of the entire Salton Sea with a sustainable water source. 4. Create a civilian oversight committee with members from local communities spanning Imperial County, Riverside County, and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians to monitor and evaluate projects and spending. 5. A multi-faceted approach unlike any other—the Salton Sea is not Owens Lake and requires meaningful engineering that will not be solved by settling for covering 30,000 acres (50%) of exposed playa with shallow ponds and gravel berms. There is no guarantee the sea will not recede further due to climate change or influxes in water flow. 6. Definitively study the effects of Salton Sea playa on the respiratory system and create an easy to access database of all commissioned government backed studies on the sea. 7. Subsidize the cost of treatment for respiratory or chronic illness linked to the exposure of unhealthy air for residents of Imperial and Coachella Valley, especially those living in conditions of poverty. 8. Rehabilitate fish and wildlife populations affected by toxic die offs and disappearing habitats. <p><i>This petition letter includes 34 comments from individuals, which have each been included in separate lines below (#8-1 through #8-33)</i></p>	<p>The measures requested by the petitioners are outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Regarding rehabilitating wildlife habitat, the SSMP 10-year Plan aims to restore and/or enhance at least 14,900 acres of habitat for fish and wildlife. [There are 20,315 people who signed this petition. Names are available upon request.]</p>
8-1	Maria Van Geel: Zdroisko, Poland	"Getekend"	Comment noted
8-2	Yazmyne Naranjo: Long Beach, CA	"It's sad to see all the damage it has done not only for the environment but the wildlife that lived there. Plus I feel like it would be a great place for people around the valley to spend time with their families and be active."	Comment noted
8-3	Emily Morales: El Centro, CA	"I'm signing this because I care about the health of the residents that leave in and near salton sea."	Comment noted
8-4	Perla De La Cruz: El Centro, CA	"it's my home"	Comment noted
8-5	Virgene Link: Anacortes, WA	"This is a vital water source to migrating birds and other wildlife. Please increase water flow to this area! Thank you."	
8-6	Gabriel Alvarez Marquez: Imperial Valley, CA	"I'M A RESIDENT"	Comment noted
8-7	Josephine Aronson: Flushing, NY	"Josephine Aronson"	Comment noted
8-8	Michael Wonder: Portland, OR	"It's the right thing to do."	Comment noted
8-9	Paul Dunlap: Fullerton, CA	"we need to act now"	Comment noted
8-10	Karol Mayer: Neosho, MO	"So sad."	Comment noted
8-11	Teresa Singh: Santa Barbara, CA	"to reduce the environmental and public health hazards plaguing the communities that surround the Salton Sea"	Comment noted
8-12	Harry Knapp: Riverside, CA	"I am a California resident and very much agree with the goal of this petition."	Comment noted
8-13	Jessica Andrade: Philomath, OR	"I remember when I first learned about the Salton Sea and the efforts to restore it - it was about 18 years ago in middle school. I learned about it in science class and from a school assembly, although I think this was entirely from a nature/wildlife lens with little to no insight into health impacts for people. My deep sadness at learning (1) what had become of the Salton Sea and (2) that essentially no meaningful mitigating or restorative actions had occurred even with this issue being discussed for many years prior, quickly turned to hope as my classmates and I learned (1) some of the proposed ways to restore the Salton Sea and (2) that meaningful actions would be happening soon. Meaningful actions to restore the Salton Sea are extremely long overdue. This is an issue of environmental injustice. People's lives are at stake. Wildlife that depend on a clean Salton Sea (especially migrating birds) are dying. We need meaningful action now."	Comment noted
8-14	Susan Metz: Brooklyn	"We are responsible to future generations of humans and others to protect what we have inherited. All strength to the residents of the Salton Sea. It also matters to Brooklyn. SOLIDARITY! Susan Metz, retired high school teacher"	Comment noted
8-15	Jane Thomas: Congers, NY	"Animals are perfect. We have to protect them! 🐾"	Comment noted
8-16	Frank Matreale: Eastampton, NJ	"We only have one planet. Nourish it."	Comment noted
8-17	Tres Denk: Ocean Pines, MD	"Good luck"	Comment noted
8-18	Steve Carter: Cleveland, TN	"We must save all animal life!"	Comment noted
8-19	Jeffrey Liboon: Chicago, IL	"I'm sure this is the toxic dust referring to the Democratic Party in California"	Comment noted
8-20	James Lotzgesell: Chicago, IL	"While the people of California keep electing Dumbocrats, the state turns into a bigger shit-hole every day. Wakeup and start electing leaders that will make things better not worse!"	This topic is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
8-21	Cory Reynolds: Waterville, ME	"We need to clean up our Beach's."	Comment noted
8-22	Judy Fulton: Amarillo, TX	"At the very least, the people living along the Salton Sea deserve to be protected from illnesses resulting from the toxic dust that gets blown about by the wind. The State has procrastinated long enough. Is a high speed train that much more important than protecting people in California?"	Comment noted
8-23	Terri Rose: Medford	"Save the Salt & Sea!!!!"	Comment noted
8-24	Jack Morrison: Canal Winchester	"why not petition god to make it rain more so the lake will fill up again?"	Comment noted
8-25	A. Guthridge: CA	"I care about others' well-being"	Comment noted
8-26	Octavio Fernandez: Coalinga, CA	"It's a positive move in a world full of negativity"	Comment noted
8-27	Adrianna Jarvis: Holts Summit, MO	"we need to save our world!!"	Comment noted

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8-28	Jonathan Broadhurst: Paignton, United Kingdom	"this is 230ft below sea level ? use gravity to feed it and produce power over that length from the sea ?"	Water importation is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Water importation is under consideration as part of the long-term plan.
8-29	Christina Fortuna: Lincoln, NE	"Save our seas. Stop polluting them."	Comment noted
8-30	Carlos Regueiro: Fort Lauderdale, FL	"Dear Californians, if you want something done first you have to get a real Governor in charge. I live in Florida."	This topic is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan.
8-31	Sophia Echols: Greensboro, NC	"One of my favorite places in the "	Comment noted
8-32	Heather Levinson: Austin, TX	"We need to protect our land"	Comment noted
8-33	Carlos Melendrez: Calexico, CA	"It's important"	Comment noted
8-34	Shawna Mackay: Lancaster, CA	"This is disgusting."	Comment noted
9	Laurel Glass Lees on behalf of: Rod Colwell, CEO Controlled Thermal Resources	<p>The purpose of this letter is to provide comment on the Special Public Notice for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to establish alternative permitting procedures, specifically Letter of Permission (LOP) procedures, for the State of California to implement the Salton Sea Management Plan 10-year Plan (SSMP). Controlled Thermal Resources is the main developer of the Salton Sea Geothermal Field along the shoreline and exposed playa. This region was recently dubbed as "Lithium Valley" for its potential to provide 100% renewable baseload power and a domestic supply of battery grade lithium products essential to the production of energy storage systems and electric vehicles.</p> <p>As a Lithium valley developer, Controlled Thermal Resources is a key stakeholder in the SSMP's multiple benefit projects because dust suppression and habitat restoration areas near the Alamo River and east of the New River are overlain by geothermal leases. This is a unique opportunity for the Corps and the State of California to collaborate to ensure the LOP procedures streamline habitat restoration and dust suppression projects in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act while also avoiding conflicts with development of U.S. Critical Energy Infrastructure and recovery of U.S. Critical Minerals in Lithium Valley at the Salton Sea.</p> <p>Please consider the following multi-benefit strategies for the SSMP's LOP procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of California to coordinate with geothermal leaseholders on any SSMP projects in the Salton Sea Known Geothermal Resource Area so the State's infrastructure does not conflict with future geothermal and lithium development. • The Corps to create an in-lieu fee program, mitigation bank, or similar program(s) under the SSMP, which could serve as mitigation for geothermal and lithium development projects sited within the receding playa areas. • State of California to work with geothermal leaseholders in the area to master plan U.S. Critical Energy Infrastructure/U.S. Critical Minerals projects and State SSMP infrastructure to reduce cumulative impacts from redundant access roads and berms. This master plan could become the basis for programmatic permits and approvals for geothermal and lithium development, which aligns with the goals of the State's Blue-Ribbon Commission on Lithium Extraction (Lithium Valley Commission). • The Corps to establish similar LOP procedures or a new Regional General Permit for geothermal and lithium development to comply with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which would streamline land management activities that support dust suppression and habitat restoration while meeting the renewable energy policy objectives of the Biden administration and critical mineral supply for national security. <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment and we look forward to collaborating.</p>	<p>Regarding working with leaseholders: The state will have to gain land access rights for any projects and will work with landowners to ensure that existing and planned future development is avoided.</p> <p>Regarding mitigation banks: The proposed project is anticipated to be self mitigating. Therefore, mitigation banks are not necessary. In addition, developing mitigation banks for other projects proposed on the Salton Sea exposed lakebed areas is outside the goals of the SSMP project.</p> <p>Regarding developing a master plan for energy infrastructure and minerals projects: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP 10-year Plan.</p> <p>Regarding establishing similar LOP procedures or a regional general permit for geothermal and lithium development: This is outside of the goals of the SSMP project.</p>
10	Christopher W. Cockcroft	<p>Thanks for this chance to comment on the Salton Sea Management 10 Year Plan Projects Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>During Bruce Wilcox's tenure, the Salton Sea Management Long Range Planning Committee developed and published the current 10 Year Plan. I attended all the Salton Sea Management Program Long Range Planning Committee meetings since the Committee's inception in 2016. By the time Mr. Wilcox was replaced, the Committee had three alternatives on the table as potential long range plans. One, the perimeter lake, was a consultant's idea. The 10 Year Plan Projects (TYPP) currently being examined, were designed to be compatible with that plan. Two other alternatives emerged during the planning process: 2) the Sea to Sea canal from the Sea of Cortez (S2S); and, 3) the Blended Alternative (BLEND), which included elements of both—14,500 acres of habitat (similar to TYPP) plus a gravity canal from the Sea of Cortez to control lake elevation at will.</p> <p>Thus, there are actually three viable current alternatives rather than one for the future of the Salton Sea. The Environmental Assessment currently being undertaken by the Corps of Engineers assigns undue legal privilege to Ten Year Plan Projects (TYPP) by ignoring the other two options completely.</p> <p>These facts require the process be expanded to a full Environmental Impact Report of the relative merits of all three before costly decisions are made as to the direction forward at the Salton Sea. These decisions will affect United States land use both above and below current water levels, a Corps of Engineers jurisdiction. To clarify this, I used the checklist provided in the Association of Environmental Professionals' 2017 CEQA California Environmental Quality Act Statute and Guidelines (AEP: Palm Desert, California 2017), a commonly used CEQA workbook in California, to briefly compare the three alternatives. The results show that the TYPP is the most harmful of the three to the resources of the area in question. Nor is it the cheapest. These facts are enough to demonstrate why an Environmental Impact Report is more suitable than an Environmental Assessment for this analysis.</p> <p>Aesthetics</p> <p>The 10 Year Plan Projects (TYPP) has a significant adverse effect on aesthetics. It will substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the region by ploughing and creating berms on 14,500 acres of dust suppression. Surface roughening is legally not a Best Available Control Measures (BACM) and Imperial Irrigation District is currently facing possible fines and sanctions from the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District for dust violations at Red Hill Bay, despite furrowing. The State currently has no backup plan in place if furrowing is not allowed. The Sea to Sea Canal (S2S) keeps the water level in the whole Sea constant. It controls all dust by keeping playa wet and maintains public trust variables, especially aesthetics, pretty much the same as they are now. The Blended Alternative keeps the benefits of 14,500 acres of habitat, but covers TYPP dust suppression playa with water. Visual character remains pretty much the same as they are now.</p> <p>Air Quality</p> <p>TYPP projects has a significant negative effect on air quality, both during and after construction. It will result in a considerable net increase in pm10 and pm2 pollutants from 14,500 acres of exposed lakebed. It will increase offensive hydrogen sulfide odor significantly. It requires constant monitoring and upkeep. It will add diesel exhaust to the air after every repair event. S2S water import fills the whole lake full and has no impact on air quality except during construction of the actual canal from Mexico. BLEND will not affect air quality except during construction of the canal from Mexico.</p> <p>Biological Resources</p> <p>TYPP has a significant positive effect on 14,500 habitat acres for species that are special status under CDFG or US Fish and Wildlife. It has a significant positive effect on Federally protected wetlands. 14,500 acres of furrowing has significant negative effects on biological resources. S2S protects both wildlife and humans by restoring the Sea to 1993 levels (-227.5 ft.). It follows the intent of the Salton Sea Restoration Act (SB277 Ducheny). BLEND will have a positive effect on species that are special status under SDFG or US Fish and Wildlife. It will have a significant positive effect on Federally protected resources. It follows the intent of the Salton Sea Restoration Act (SB277 Ducheny). It will protect wildlife and humans from dust.</p>	Water importation, which is required for the commenter's alternative 1 and 2, is outside the scope of the SSMP 10-year Plan. Water importation is under consideration as part of the long-term plan.

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		<p>Geology and Soils TYPP projects could rupture during strong earthquakes on the San Andreas fault, ruining the dikes anywhere along the perimeter, jeopardizing the entire plan should a breach occur. S2S water import leaves the Sea full, its current profile intact, so seismic activity has no effect on the lake. The main supply canal from Mexico could breach. BLEND dikes could breach in an earthquake, but the sea will not be affected. The main supply canal from Mexico could breach.</p> <p>Hazards and Hazardous Materials TYPP projects create a significant hazard to the public, wildlife and farms of Imperial and Riverside. Over half the area will be dry (as will large acreages of playa outside project target areas). 14,500 acres of the seabed will be exposed, allowing the wind to spread salt, selenium and pesticide residues from agriculture into the farmland and among the general population living around the sea. S2S water import has no impact because it keeps the water in the sea and the area covered, a BACM (best available control measure). BLEND keeps water in habitat and it keeps the sea full. The Salton Sea returns to as it was at the time the QSA was signed with improved habitat.</p> <p>Hydrology and Water Quality TYPP impounds the New and Alamo Rivers. The pesticides in the proposed 14,500 acres of habitat ponds, which use the water as a primary fresh water supply, will "...exceed aquatic life benchmarks." The report by the USGS and the California State Water Resources Control Board entitled "Pesticides in Water and Suspended Sediment of the Alamo and New Rivers, Imperial Valley/Salton Sea Basin, California, 2006-2007" (by Orlando, Smalling and Kuivila, data series 365 prepared in cooperation with the California State Water Resources Control Board under Agreement #05-278-250-0) states "Water samples were analyzed for a suite of 61 current-use and organochlorine pesticides..." and "... a total of 25 pesticides were detected in the water samples. With more than seven pesticides detected in more than half of the samples..." "...Maximum dissolved concentrations of carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, diazoin, and malathion exceeded aquatic life benchmarks established by the U.S.</p> <p>Environmental Protection Agency for these pesticides..." S2S water import uses seawater which is fresh saltwater from the Sea of Cortez. The lake stays the same elevation, the New and Alamo Rivers flow into the Salton Sea as before, diluting pesticides and locking up selenium. The salinity of the Sea goes down, then climbs after a few years. BLEND uses the Alamo and New River water. It will exceed aquatic benchmarks on 14,500 acres. The rest of the Salton Sea will remain the same. The New and Alamo Rivers flow into the Salton Sea as before, diluting pesticides and locking up selenium. The salinity of the Sea goes down, then climbs after a few years.</p> <p>Mandatory Findings of Significance TYPP will degrade the quality of the environment due to 14,500 acres of ploughing, reducing habitat of many fish and wildlife species. It will threaten or eliminate plant and animal communities. It will reduce the number or restrict the range of rare and endangered plants and animals. It will cause substantial adverse effects on human health due to air quality issues. The Salton Sea's aesthetics will be degraded. S2S will cause most species to improve as salinity declines, then gradually degrade the environment as salt levels elevate. Aesthetics will remain "natural," as they are now. BLEND will improve habitat by excluding ploughing and by keeping a stable lake elevation. Gradually, seawater will degrade the environment as salt levels elevate. Aesthetics will remain "natural," as they are now.</p> <p>Cost TYPP is estimated to cost 900 million dollars at buildout for 29,000 acres (source: Verbal comment by Arturo Delgado at California State Water Board April 7, 2021). Unknown operations and maintenance costs. S2S will cost \$700 million to build (source: formal proposal for water import to the Salton Sea Management Program from Jennings and Johnson 2017) for the entire Salton Sea surface, (345 square miles). Unknown operations and maintenance costs. BLEND will cost \$1.5 billion for 345 square miles. Unknown operations and maintenance costs.</p> <p>Conclusion The Sea to Sea Canal preserves seven and a half times the total area of the Ten Year Plan Projects. It covers the whole 345 square miles of the sea while the Ten Year Plan Projects cover 45 square miles. The Sea to Sea Canal does far better at dust suppression and provides better air quality. The Sea to Sea Canal is cheaper (\$700 million dollars versus \$900 million for the Ten</p>	
11	Christopher W. Cockroft	<p>Thanks for this chance to comment on the Salton Sea Management 10 Year Plan Projects Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>I want to emphasize the relevance and applicability of Public Trust law to the Environmental Assessment you are currently pursuing.</p> <p>This past year, important new scholarship changed the science behind the view of Salton Sea formation from that of a 1905-1907 one of a kind "accident" to a reoccurring estuary that's been a natural feature of the Colorado River for four million years. Jenny E. Ross's Formation of California's Salton Sea in 1905-07 Was Not 'Accidental,' appeared in the 2020 Desert Symposium, (which I also sent to Mr. Dahl last September and thus have not felt the need to include here. If you need it, I'll send it). It proves that the various "...locations within, along, and adjacent to the Salton Sea in Imperial and Riverside counties, within or near the cities or towns of Mecca, Desert Shores, Salton City, Westmorland, Calipatria, and Bombay Beach..." including "...the Salton Sea and the New, Alamo, and Whitewater Rivers in addition to adjacent creeks, washes and agricultural drains..." and "...U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdictional water bodies that would be affected by project construction activities..." (quotes drawn from: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404</p> <p>"Letter of Permission Procedures and associated Environmental Assessment for the Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP) 10-Year Plan Projects.") fall within the zone protected by public trust law. Any alterations to the environment by the 10 Year Plan Projects (eg. dust control following, etc.) must be measured against their effects on that body of law.</p> <p>Since the Colorado River is a protected public trust river, its delta, including the Salton Sea estuary, is too. The Corps is absolutely required to discuss the 10 Year Plan Projects through the lens of public trust law, given the new facts provided in Ms. Ross' article.</p> <p>Thanks for this chance to comment.</p>	Comment noted
12	Ellen McCann	<p>I grew up camping all around east San Diego and Imperial County including trips to the Salton Sea. I hope that dust mitigation and restoration of the dying sea are important to you as well. This planet is worth fighting for and this is just one of the many battles. The USGS has documented how the importance of the Salton Sea as a breeding habitat is "unsurpassed by any limited geographic area within the contiguous 48 states and Latin America [emphasis added]."</p> <p>Please do everything you can to help.</p>	Comment noted
13	Rob Simpson, Agess Inc.	<p>Today, I had the opportunity to look you up on LinkedIn. I hope you don't mind. It looks like you spent a number of years working in the Bay Area. My first question is: "are you familiar with the engineering issues associated with proposed HWY 37 projects?"</p> <p>The reason for this question is that the Southern end of the Salton Sea has an extreme liquefaction issue to the extent that the Southern shoreline of the Sea likely defines the boundary of previous earthquake related liquefaction and related subsidence events.</p> <p>My second set of questions relate to the 2010 (7.2 Magnitude) "Easter Earthquake". Please see the images below.</p> <p>The images below can be found or recreated on Google Earth using the "historic imagery" function (click on the clock on the top toolbar).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you aware that the liquefaction and subsidence event of 2010 caused the surface elevation of about 88,000 acres of the old Colorado River basin within the Delta region to subside at differential rates ranging from about 10cm to 1.5 meters? • Are you aware that this subsides and subsequent increases in erosion have lowered the floodplain and channels sufficiently to start the process of reflooding Laguna Salada with high tide waters from the Gulf of CA? (This is documented) <p>A 7.0 + magnitude earthquake along the Southern section of the San Andreas fault is about 130 years overdue. Such a quake is highly likely to cause a liquefaction and subsidence event throughout the entire Southern section of the Salton Sea. The levee sections I have seen associated projects like the (SCH) are 100% certain to fail under liquefaction and subsidence conditions similar to those demonstrated in the 2010 quake. The reports I have seen indicate that the Earthquake risk associated with the SCH and similar projects indicated that the earthquake risk associated with such projects is "Low". I have not been able to find any documentation supporting this claim. Are you aware of any studies or documentation that supports a Low seismic risk conclusion for projects like this?</p> <p>Please get onto Google Earth and look through the historic imagery for the area. It is free to get google earth pro. Here are some images I generated on Google Earth Pro.</p> <p>[PROVIDED SEVERAL GOOGLE EARTH AERIALS IN COMMENT EMAIL--Images from 2009, 2010, and Image from 2010 with subsided area highlighted]</p>	Risk of failure due to liquefaction is addressed in the geology section of the EA.

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