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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Salton Sea. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert Campus.

The Commission is reviewing the environmental, governance and funding challenges surrounding the mitigation and restoration of the Salton Sea. At this hearing, the Commission will hear the local perspective on the impacts of the receding sea and proposed solutions.

The Commission will hear from the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) on the history and hydrology of the lake, governance structure of the SSA, the state's obligation to the sea, obstacles encountered by the SSA in its efforts to restore the sea and its Financial Feasibility Action Plan. A California Department of Fish and Wildlife representative will discuss the impact on wildlife and describe the progress of restoration projects. The Commission will hear from representatives from the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District, Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo and the South Coast Air Quality Management District on the effect of a receding Salton Sea on the region's air quality and public health. Imperial and Riverside County representatives will testify on the consequences of inaction regarding the Salton Sea on their communities and explain what their constituents hope to see in a solution. Representatives from the signatory agencies of the Joint Powers Authority Creation and Funding Agreement of the Quantification Settlement Agreement – the Imperial Irrigation District, the Coachella Valley Water District and the San Diego County Water Authority – will discuss their responsibilities to the Salton Sea, the state's responsibilities to the sea and issues that should be addressed in developing a solution.

There will be opportunities for public comment. The Commission also encourages written comments. During the lunch break, scheduled from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Commission will hold a business meeting in Room B114/B117 at the University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert Campus. Members of the public can also access the business meeting in Suite 805 of 925 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Tuesday, April 21, 2015.



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Public Hearing on the Salton Sea

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Auditorium

University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert Campus

75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92211

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Public Hearing: 9:00 a.m.

Water and its Users, Part I

1. Kevin Kelley, General Manager, Imperial Irrigation District

The Joint Powers Authority for the Salton Sea

2. Robert Hargreaves, General Counsel for the Salton Sea Authority, Best Best & Krieger LLP

Biological Threat Caused by a Receding Sea and Current Restoration Efforts

3. Jack Crayon, Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Air Quality Threat Caused by a Receding Sea

4. Brad Poiriez, Air Pollution Control Officer, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
5. Afshan Nuri Baig, Medical Director, Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo
6. Barry Wallerstein, Executive Officer, South Coast Air Quality Management District

Impact of a Receding Sea on its Neighbors

7. Mary Resvaloso, Tribal Chairwoman, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians – Invited
8. Ralph Cordova, County Executive Officer, Imperial County
9. John Benoit, Supervisor, Riverside County

Water and its Users, Part II

10. Dan Farris, Operations Director, Coachella Valley Water District
11. Peter Nelson, Director, Coachella Valley Water District
12. Bradley Herrema, Special Counsel for the San Diego County Water Authority, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck



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**Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2015
Room B114/B117**

**University of California, Riverside, Palm Desert Campus
75080 Frank Sinatra Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92211
and
Suite 805, 925 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:00 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

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- I. Election of Vice Chairperson
- II. Business Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2015
- III. California Open Meeting Acts – Draft Report
- IV. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from California State Auditor's Office