

The Little Hoover Commission
By E mail

Dear Commissioners,

If my observations are correct, the Salton Sea as we have known it during my lifetime will soon be gone. Once the State decided to build facilities below the historic shoreline, it started an unrestricted depletion of the water that we call the Salton Sea. That process is under way as you meet.

How did the Salton Sea arrive at this juncture in its existence? I urge you all to banish the thought that anything of import is "accidental". The plans of man are sometimes not readily discerned. I think it should be obvious to all that the Salton Sea has served a worthy purpose. Without a place for the waste water to accumulate, a great asset of our state would have not been possible. But its (The Salton Sea) time has passed. What has sustained the Salton Sea all these years was waste water and the current drought should prove to us that there is no more "waste" water.

It appears the Legislature will adopt the IID plans for the Salton Sea area without much further meaningful conversation, so I will let this letter be my last comments on the subject. I do hope that the Commission will act to limit the involvement of the general taxpayer in that area, since subsidies should only be given where necessary. It should be apparent that IID can take care of the business of supplying low cost irrigation water to the area farms for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Clifford Dove