



LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 11, 2016

Pedro Nava
Chairman

Scott Barnett

David Beier

Anthony Cannella
Senator

Jack Flanigan

Chad Mayes
Assemblymember

Don Perata

Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Assemblymember

Richard Roth
Senator

Jonathan Shapiro

Janna Sidley

Helen Torres

Sean Varner

Carole D'Elia
Executive Director

For Additional Information Contact:
Carole D'Elia
Executive Director
(916) 445-2125

NOTICE OF MEETING

On Monday, April 25, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing to revisit the progress the state has made in managing the Salton Sea, as outlined in its September 2015 report, *Averting Disaster: Action Now for the Salton Sea*. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

In that study, the Commission found the state had been mired in a seemingly endless study process that frequently was sidetracked by stakeholders unable to compromise or accept budgetary realities. As the Commission conducted its study process, however, the state began taking action on the Salton Sea. Notably, in May 2015, the administration convened a Salton Sea Task Force, which later released agency-specific action items on managing the Salton Sea. In September 2015, the Governor appointed an assistant secretary for Salton Sea policy within the Natural Resources Agency. Acknowledging the growing momentum, the Commission recommended the state look for ways to expedite projects, explore means to raise funds and begin planning the next phase of projects, and committed to following up on the state's short- and medium-term plans in April 2016.

At the hearing, the Commission will first hear from the assistant secretary for Salton Sea Policy in the Natural Resources Agency; the general manager/executive director for the Salton Sea Authority; and the government affairs and communications officer for the Imperial Irrigation District on the state's short- and medium-term plans for the Salton Sea, its planning process and the role of the local agencies. It then will hear from the air pollution control officer for the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District on his role in the planning process and the impact the short- and medium-term plans would have on air quality. Following them will be a senior research associate for the Pacific Institute, who will present the environmental community's perspective on the state's process and plans.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in Room 175 at 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 Monday, April 18, 2016.



LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION

AGENDA

**Public Hearing Revisiting Salton Sea Strategic Management
Monday, April 25, 2016
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento, CA**

Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

Strategically Managing the Salton Sea from the State and Local Perspectives

1. Bruce Wilcox, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy, California Natural Resources Agency
2. Phil Rosentrater, General Manager/Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority
3. Antonio Ortega, Government Affairs and Communications Officer, Imperial Irrigation District

The Impact on Air Quality

4. Brad Poiriez, Air Pollution Control Officer, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

The Environmental Community's Assessment of Progress

5. Michael Cohen, Senior Research Associate, Pacific Institute

Public Comments

**Business Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2016
925 L Street, Room 175
Sacramento, CA 95814**

The Commission will consider agenda items I-IV at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses, and will be determined at the discretion of the chair. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2016
- II. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office

Pedro Nava
Chairman

Scott Barnett

David Beier

Anthony Cannella
Senator

Jack Flanigan

Chad Mayes
Assemblymember

Don Perata

Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Assemblymember

Richard Roth
Senator

Jonathan Shapiro

Janna Sidley

Helen Torres

Sean Varner

Carole D'Elia
Executive Director