

State of California
Salton Sea Management Program
Funding Advisory Workgroup -- Funding Sources

IMMEDIATE FUNDS BUDGETED or APPROPRIATED
(available for immediate projects, potential matching leverage)

Federal Sources

Dept of Interior – special drought relief funding

- **\$3 M to construct 31 acre wetland habitat on Alamo River.**
 - Funding agency: BOR
 - Recipient TBD
 - Next steps
 - TASK FORCE -

Dept of Agriculture – improve water quality of drainage to the Sea (NRCS)

- **\$7.5 M for water quality improvements on New River to include farmers**
 - Funding agency: NRCS / 50% match from State
 - Recipient: SSA / partner IID
 - Next steps
 - Refine project, prioritize work, define partner roles/responsibilities
 - MOU / Cooperative Agreement
 - TASK FORCE – no action required at this time

Army Corps of Engineers – Tribal Partnership Program

- **\$3M to complete feasibility plan for tribal wetlands restoration**
 - Funding Agency: ACOE / 50% nonfederal match (in-kind plus state \$)
 - Recipient: TM Tribe / partner SSA
 - Next steps
 - SSA and TM Tribe to follow up with ACOE staff
 - TASK FORCE – support funding for TPP

State Sources: 2014 State Water Bond (Proposition 1)

Regional Water Rights Settlement obligations:

- **\$80 M for final design, permit, construction of actionable projects at Sea**
- Current governor's budget allocates \$80.5 M for Salton Sea out of the \$475 million provision related to state obligations in water right settlements including the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA).
 - Funding agency: CNRA
 - Recipient: TBD
 - Next Steps
 - Ensure that funds appropriated under this provision include short-term, medium-term and long-term financial commitments
 - TASK FORCE - Follow up w/ CNRA to ensure March 31 deadline and project list meets satisfaction of all parties

IRWM

- **\$5 M (statewide) for planning grants**
 - To develop IRWM plans for areas currently not included in any IRWM
 - Funding Agency: DWR
 - Recipient : TBD
 - Next steps
 - Participate in state workshops
 - Engage partner agencies with IRWM planning for mutual benefit
 - TASK FORCE – no action required at this time
- **\$51 M (Statewide) to ensure DAC participation in IRWM**
 - To ensure Disadvantaged Communities engage in IRWM
 - Funding Agency: DWR
 - Recipient : SSA agencies with an IRWMP
 - Next steps
 - Participate in state workshops
 - Engage partner agencies with IRWM planning for mutual benefit
 - TASK FORCE – no action required at this time
- **\$22.5 M for IRWM in Colorado Basin**
 - To provide incentives throughout each watershed to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure; and
 - Funding Agency: DWR
 - Recipient : SSA agencies with an IRWMP
 - Next steps
 - Participate in state workshops
 - Engage partner agencies with IRWM planning for mutual benefit
 - TASK FORCE – no action required at this time

EMERGING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
(Existing Authorizations, initiatives to secure authorizations)

Federal

White House /DOI – Infrastructure Investment Center:

- Public/private partnership funding for water challenged areas that may also provide environmental health benefits and regional water stability.
- Foster private investment and support well-structured markets that advance efficient permitting and effective landscape-level conservation for species, habitat and other natural resources
- Funding Agency: DOI subagencies (BOR?)
- Recipient: SSA
- Next steps:
 - Investigate feasibility
 - TASK FORCE: Support alignment of program with priorities at the Sea

Small Reclamations Project Act loan funds

- **\$330 M existing authorization with BOR Small Reclamations Project Act (P.L. 84-984)**
 - For agriculture-related projects delivering storm drain improvements and wildlife enhancements at the Salton Sea.
 - Funding Agency: BOR
 - Recipient: SSA / partner agencies
 - Next steps:
 - TASK FORCE – support appropriation to activate a BOR revolving loan fund

Federal/Local Government revenue sharing on Energy/ Mineral extraction

- Support development of local resources while protecting from predation by entities that would extract resources without compensation to the impacted communities, as called for in the Salton Sea Authority board-adopted Guiding Principles for Legislative Action.
- The Salton Sea Authority supports revenue sharing agreements that are mutually acceptable to all concerned that warrant support, along with legislation that will

enable such arrangements. Cooperative ventures between the Federal Government and the mineral rich counties in the Salton Sea region may offer opportunities to equitably address federal and local priorities with new resources.

- Support S. 1407 (Heller) and S.414 (Feinstein) legislation as it aligns with SSA goals to incorporate revenue sharing as part of Salton Sea revitalization funding strategy.

WRDA

- **\$30 M existing Authorization for Salton Sea projects to restore habitat**
 - Agency: ACOE
 - Recipient: ACOE in agreement with state and in consultation with SSA
 - \$5 M increments fro demonstration projects, Nonfederal match 35%
 - Next steps:
 - Revive/update 2007 language
 - TASK FORCE – Support outreach to ACOE directly and from legislators, NGOs

Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act of 2015 (S.1407)

- Revenue sharing from renewable energy and mineral production on federal lands
- S. 1407 provisions call for revenue sharing from renewable energy projects on federal lands. S. 1407 intends to promote the development of renewable energy on public lands while ensuring that local communities see benefits to conservation efforts.
- Agency: BLM
- Recipient: State and SSA county partners (25% each) ; plus conservation fund (35%)
- Next steps:
 - TASK FORCE – support passage of bill with this sharing provision

Renewable Energy Development

- Next steps:
 - TASK FORCE -- Support development of renewable energy resources at the Salton Sea in order to provide potential revenue streams to help fund revitalization projects and activities, as proposed in the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative.

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State Bonds

- **\$50 M to Salton Sea Restoration Fund** in Rivers, Lakes and Streams section of proposed SB 317 (De León) -- the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2016.
- Agency: CNRA
- Recipient: TBD
- Next steps:
 - Pending legislative approval and posting for voter approval
 - TASK FORCE – expand the allocation for the Sea and other parallel source

Carbon offsets / Cap & Trade

- Carbon offset credit bank established through renewable energy development at Sea. Guidelines, criteria and approach need to be understood better