

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: January 15, 2019

TITLE: Resolution in Support of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the County of Imperial and the County of Riverside on the Restoration of the Salton Sea

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RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council in support of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Imperial and County of Riverside on the Salton Sea.

BACKGROUND

Riverside County and Imperial County have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Exhibit 1) to support common goals that further Salton Sea restoration and management efforts as well as the development potential of the Salton Sea. The MOU includes support for the North Lake vision that Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez unveiled earlier this year, as well as a Perimeter Lake concept that would include a South Lake component. The Counties want to have these concepts included into the state's 10-year Salton Sea Management Program (SSMP).

The MOU also outlines the intent to work together with the Salton Sea Authority and other local agencies on projects and financing mechanisms, such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District (EIF), that would stimulate economic development around the Sea while mitigating air quality issues and creating vital habitat. Riverside County and the Salton Sea Authority are asking cities and agencies across the county support the MOU (Exhibit 2).

A resolution of support has already been adopted by the member agencies of the Salton Sea Authority (Riverside County, Imperial County, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District), all of the Imperial County cities involved with the Salton Sea, and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) MOU Between Imperial and Riverside Counties
- 2) Letter from the Salton Sea Authority
- 3) Resolution