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Comment Letter: Update Regarding the status of the Salton Sea Task Force

Dear Waterboard Members

Since your last meeting in March , I have been following the progress of your promise to take action on the Salton Sea, I have seen little progress in addressing the impacts of the Salton Sea to our vulnerable communities in Imperial County . I know there are projects that will help the implementation of shovel ready projects. Just recently the U.S and Wildlife broke ground on a restoration project to cover about 420 acres of exposed lakebed with water from the lake and the Alamo River.

Climate Change is affecting our community, we still do not meet the federal standards for clean air. There is also a bill that was passed SB350 Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act, although Geothermal Energy is renewable and could help meet California's goals for greenhouse reductions by 2030, its been noted this is the future of the Salton Sea, how will geothermal mitigate the Salton Sea, how will it reduce pollution and air quality , if you look ARB Greenhouse Gas Emissions Visualization and Analysis Tool <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ei/tools/ghgfacilities/> it shows geothermal emitting greenhouse gases . This is not only an issue of Salton Sea exposed sea bed, there will also be an increase of Climate Pollutants by the extraction of geothermal power, I would like to know how Geothermal Energy Power Plants plan to address public health and help offset some of the public health impacts of the Salton Sea Region , plus the amounts of water that geothermal uses per megawatt are in the millions of gallons.

Sincerely


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