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Via email to Clerk of the Board commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

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Felecia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
c/o Jeannine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Salton Sea Workshop, January 5, 2016

Dear Chair Marcus:

This office is providing the within brief comments on the Salton Sea. Our prior comments to the Board about the Salton Sea can be found at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea/docs/comments031115/patrick_maloney.pdf (letters of February 12, 2105, October 14, 2014, and June 5, 2013). Those prior comment letters recited our experience with respect to the Sea and our observation of questionably accurate measurement of water use and management.

Recent legislation (SB 88) and the regulations the Board is presently considering suggests that much improved – and publically disclosed -- water measurement will become the norm throughout the state. We submitted a comment letter on December 14, 2105 in large part supporting the SB 88 proposed regulations. We assume that SB 88 and its (not yet final) regulations will apply to water delivery and use in the Imperial Valley in excess of 10 aft.

We note that somewhat coterminous with SB 88, the Imperial Irrigation District has embarked on a pilot project for much improved water measurement with projections to put into service over 5,000 water measurement devices. See enclosed, SRFP 194, SCP Delivery Measurements (Imperial Irrigation District). Accurate, public, and contemporaneous measurement of water delivery and use can only help in management of water in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys for purposes of conservation and longer-term Salton Sea plans.

The public policy issues raised in the workshops, hearings and other processes focused on the Salton Sea also apply beyond the borders of Imperial and Riverside Counties. Without an accurate and transparent understanding of water source(s), use, and management, committing to any long-term water project (anywhere in the State) is a waste of the public fisc. Thank you for allowing us to comment on this important public matter.

Very truly yours,

Thomas S. Virsik

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Encl. SRF 194, SCP Delivery Measurements (Imperial Irrigation District), printed 12/22/15



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Solicitation Title: SCP Delivery Measurements

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Imperial Irrigation District (IID), an irrigation district established under Division 11 of the California Water Code, Sections 20500 et seq., that provides non-potable water, farm drainage and power services to the lower southeastern portion of California's desert, is requesting proposals from highly qualified Respondents to:

Facilitate a pilot project for 180 farm deliveries to install and operate different makes and types of flow measurement devices as described in the section 5.2.3.2. Based on the number of acceptable proposals received, IID will determine how many of the different devices will be tested and will also assign which will be installed at the delivery locations. Respondents should expect to install their devices on at least 30 delivery sites; however, this may vary based on the number of acceptable proposals offered. The device performance and final analysis of this pilot project will establish the determining basis for the possible phased installation of the remaining 5,200 farm delivery sites.

CRITICAL DATES FOR ACTION:

Description 1. Mandatory Meeting 11/10/2015

There will be a mandatory meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, at the Water Department Conference Room, 333 East Barioni Blvd., Imperial, CA 92251, see map and directions. Firms planning to attend should confirm their attendance with Mr. Marty P. Holbrook, Purchasing Agent via email to purchasing@iid.com. Responses will not be accepted from respondents not attending this mandatory meeting (See attached files) Prospective respondents must be present and signed in prior to the start of the mandatory meeting. Anyone not signed in at the official start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to submit a proposal. Anyone who does not attend the entire mandatory meeting will not be credited with attending.

2. Questions and Answers

Questions concerning this Secondary Request for Proposal should be directed in writing, no later than 5:00 p.m., Local Time, Tuesday, November 17, 2015 to Mr. Marty P. Holbrook, Purchasing Agent, via email to: purchasing@iid.com. Responses to questions received will be provided digitally for download on our website www.iid.com, under this solicitation listing to all participants no later than 5:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, November 19, 2015.