



ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN THE SALTON SEA

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The purpose of this document is to provide a list of organizations that have a role, responsibility, or interest in the Salton Sea. This document will be updated regularly to ensure accurate information. More information, including contact information for organizations listed below is available on the State Water Board’s Salton Sea webpage: waterboards.ca.gov/saltonsea.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
Coachella Valley Water District	As a party to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, Coachella Valley Water District receives up to 100,000 acre-feet of additional water per year from Imperial Irrigation District. Coachella Valley Water District helps fund and implement the mitigation projects required by the Quantification Settlement Agreement permits and serves as legal counsel for the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority. Coachella Valley Water District also delivers water for irrigation and domestic uses in the Coachella Valley near the Salton Sea.	cvwd.org/169/Salton-Sea
Imperial County	Planning and permitting authority for actions on the southern portion of the Salton Sea.	imperialcounty.org
Imperial County Air Pollution Control District	Implements policy, regulation, and air quality monitoring to maintain federal air quality standards in the Imperial County portion of the Salton Sea.	apcd.imperialcounty.org

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Imperial Irrigation District	As a party to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, Imperial Irrigation District transfers up to 300,000 acre feet per year of conserved water to Coachella Valley Water District and San Diego County Water Authority, along with 67,700 acre-feet per year of water conserved associated with the All-American Canal Lining Project to San Diego County Water Authority and 105,000 acre-feet of water achieved via system conservation to Metropolitan Water District. Imperial Irrigation District is responsible for implementing mitigation requirements associated with the Quantification Settlement Agreement permits and helps fund the mitigation tasks through the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority. Imperial Irrigation District has a federal Colorado River entitlement of up to 3.1 million acre-feet per year and is the sole water supplier to Imperial Valley, delivering water to serve its region and irrigate over 500,000 acres of largely agricultural land in the Imperial Valley south of the Salton Sea.	iid.com/water/salton-sea
Metropolitan Water District	As a party to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, receives up to 105,000 acre-feet of water from Imperial Irrigation District. Helps fund the mitigation projects required by the Quantification Settlement Agreement.	mwdh2o.com
Riverside County	Planning and permitting authority for actions on the northern portion of the Salton Sea.	rivco.org/salton-sea-north-lake-pilot-demonstration-project
Salton Sea Authority	Joint Powers Authority which includes Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and Imperial and Riverside counties and where the State of California serves as an ex officio member. Works in consultation and cooperation with the State of California to oversee the comprehensive restoration of the Sea. Partners with other entities to develop projects to restore the Sea and asserts a leadership role to ensure local priorities are recognized.	saltonseaauthority.org
San Diego County Water Authority	As a party to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, San Diego County Water Authority receives up to 200,000 acre-feet of additional water per year from Imperial Irrigation District. San Diego County Water Authority also helps fund the mitigation projects required by the Quantification Settlement Agreement and handles administration and finance for the Quantification Settlement Agreement Joint Powers Authority.	sdcwa.org/quantification-settlement-agreement
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Implements policy, regulation, and air quality monitoring to maintain federal air quality standards in the Riverside County portion of the Salton Sea.	aqmd.gov

STATE ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
California Air Resources Board	Provides technical assistance with air emissions data and methodology. Oversees and contributes to air quality planning by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District.	ww2.arb.ca.gov
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Working with the California Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Water Resources, helps design Salton Sea habitat projects and develops and implements a wildlife monitoring program and operations and maintenance activities. Issues and administers regulatory permits for projects at the Salton Sea as required by state law. Conducts monitoring and research to inform future planning and management of the Salton Sea ecosystem, and provides public outreach and communication.	saltonsea.ca.gov
California Department of Water Resources	Working with the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, implements the State of California's restoration projects at the Salton Sea, including engineering and design, contracting, construction, and operations and maintenance activities.	water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Salton-Sea-Unit
California Natural Resources Agency	Serves as lead agency overseeing and guiding the State of California's efforts to improve conditions in the Salton Sea. Coordinates and negotiates with other local, state and federal agencies. Implements the overall Salton Sea Management Program and the Phase 1: 10-Year Plan (2018 to 2028). Developed a long-range plan that will be implemented beyond the Phase 1: 10-Year Plan.	saltonsea.ca.gov
California State Parks, Salton Sea State Recreation Area	Manages the Salton Sea State Recreation Area for the public, including the use of watercraft and access to the Salton Sea.	parks.ca.gov/?page_id=639
Colorado River Board	Responsible for representing the State of California on interstate issues for the laws of the Colorado River directly related to the Quantification Settlement Agreement.	crb.ca.gov
Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board	Regulates water quality in its region, including setting water quality standards, issuing waste discharge requirements and water quality certification pursuant to Clean Water Act section 401, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions. Monitors and studies the water quality of the Salton Sea and its tributaries.	waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/salton_sea
State Water Resources Control Board	Oversees the Water Right Order (2017-0134) that set Phase 1 restoration milestones, the requirement for California Natural Resources Agency to prepare annual reports and a Long-Range Plan. Holds an annual public workshop on the status of Salton Sea Management Program projects and milestones.	Waterboards.ca.gov/saltonsea

FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Facilitates the National Environmental Protection Act process to support permitting for individual Salton Sea Management Program projects. Issues permits pursuant to Clean Water Act section 404, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions. Continuing the Long-Range Plan process by leading a Feasibility Study for long-term restoration of the Sea.	spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-and-Studies/Imperial-Streams-Salton-Sea/
U.S. Bureau of Land Management	Manages public lands for many uses, including sustainable energy development. Landowner of multiple parcels in and around the Salton Sea. Provides funding and support for projects and conservation efforts.	blm.gov
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	Works collaboratively with the State of California and other stakeholders to provide funding and technical support for projects that meet the intent of the Salton Sea Management Program 10-Year Plan, reduce potential future dust emissions, protect ecological resources, and provide local economic benefits.	usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/saltonsea.html
U.S. Geological Survey	Conducts science and monitoring that inform Salton Sea policymakers and the public in the earth, chemical, and biological sciences. The USGS's long history in the Salton Sea region has provided scientific support to decisions regarding energy and geothermal resources, volcanism, earthquake science, water and air quality, and the biological sciences.	usgs.gov/special-topics/salton-sea
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Landowner of Sonny Bono National Wildlife Refuge and Red Bay Hill Bay Project located in the southern portion of the Salton Sea. Conducts resource management and conservation, wildlife surveys, and disease and heavy metal contamination monitoring.	fws.gov/refuge/sonny_bono_salton_sea

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians	Active participant in Salton Sea community engagement discussions and conducts air quality monitoring in Coachella Valley.	N/A
Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	Significant landowner of property around the Salton Sea, including roughly half of the land under the Salton Sea. Partners with other agencies on restoration projects, including pilot wetland project on tribal land at the north end of the Sea.	torresmartinez.org
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	Active participant in Salton Sea community engagement discussions and conducts air quality monitoring in Coachella Valley.	29palmstribes.org

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
Alianza Coachella Valley	Promotes an Environmental Justice Campaign, builds community power and organizes community voices, raises awareness, and integrates varying viewpoints on environmental issues, including the Salton Sea. Through community organizing and engagement, Alianza is helping to bridge the gap to bring together residents, policymakers, and other stakeholders to better collaborate to counteract environmental hazards, particularly air pollution. Conducts community science to produce publicly available data and inform solutions to the challenges of the receding Sea.	alianzacv.org
Audubon California	Works to restore and conserve natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in and around the Salton Sea for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.	ca.audubon.org/conservation/conservation/important-bird-areas/salton-sea
Becoming Project	Community welfare organization, created to be a voice for the voiceless in the most disinvested communities. Committed to fighting environmental, economic, and social injustice in every form. Becoming Project provides education, advocacy, and resources to help break down all barriers to success.	becomingprojectinc.org
Comite Civico del Valle	Serves various communities around the Salton Sea through collaborative efforts with other established Environmental Justice organizations and in partnership with researchers, academia, and government agencies.	ccvhealth.org
Defenders of Wildlife	Works in collaboration with national, state and local organizations to ensure that state and federal agencies are meeting obligations to provide for habitat and air quality projects to protect the fish and wildlife values and public health at the Salton Sea.	Defenders.org/regions/california
EcoMedia Compass	Dedicated to bringing environmental awareness and solutions through music, art and, events. Its current focus campaign is "Save Our Sea!" for California's Salton Sea. The prime goal of the organization is to creatively and effectively share and implement scientific and environmental solutions while developing community involvement through the mediums of music, art and film- an educational and active forum for restorative collaboration.	ecomediacompass.org/salton-sea-restoration
Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition	Advocates for community empowerment, social and environmental justice, and health equity.	Ivequityjustice.org
Kounkuey Design Initiative	Community development and design nonprofit that partners with under-resourced communities to advance equity and activate the unrealized potential in their neighborhoods and cities. Partnered with Better World Group to engage residents around the Sea to understand their priorities for community amenities, and produced a data set for California Natural Resources Agency's community amenity strategy for the Salton Sea.	kounkuey.org/projects/voices_of_the_salton_sea

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Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Advocates for the communities around the Salton Sea for sound policy to secure equal access to opportunity regardless of wealth, race, income, and place.	leadershipcounsel.org/the-salton-sea
Pacific Institute	Develops restoration concepts for the Sea, participates on the state's Salton Sea committees and workgroups, and works actively with state agencies and local stakeholders to get habitat constructed and to diminish the amount of dust blowing off the exposed lakebed. Continues to promote the importance of the Sea for the state's water supply reliability. Co-hosts the biennial Salton Sea Summit with University of California, Riverside.	pacinst.org/salton-sea
Sierra Club	Advocates for progress, transparency, and accountability by the state concerning implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program while building public visibility and support for a sustainable and equitable Salton Sea. Implements regular engagement with state and local decision-makers; provides education and mobilization of local support throughout the Coachella Valley and southern California and collaborates with communities living around the Sea to help raise visibility for public health and environmental justice narratives.	www.sierraclub.org/california
Unified for Justice Inc.	To empower the less affluent communities by building advocacy partnerships that will enhance socio-economic development, environmental justice, and education.	Ufjinc.com

UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
Loma Linda University	Loma Linda University researchers, in collaboration with Alianza Coachella Valley, have been studying shoreline retreat and other environmental issues at the Salton Sea.	news.llu.edu/research/study-salton-sea-receding-greater-rate
Salton Sea Task Force, University of California, Riverside	Coordinated a diverse and multidisciplinary team whose research spans the breadth of the human and natural system challenges facing the changing Salton Sea. The Center's uniquely varied and integrated expertise covers critical topics such as lake ecology and environmental chemistry, air and water quality, human health, natural resource development and policy, and community education and outreach. Our overarching goal is to contribute the objective science needed to inform effective, sustainable, and equitable mitigation strategy and policies for the Salton Sea region and similarly threatened environments in a changing world. Co-hosts the biennial Salton Sea Summit with Pacific Institute.	saltonseatactforce.ucr.edu/

If you have a role within the Salton Sea and would like to be added to this document please contact the State Water Board staff lead, Stephanie Holstege, as provided on waterboards.ca.gov/saltonsea.