

# Public Agenda: State Water Resources Control Board Workshop on the Status of Phase 1 of the Salton Sea Management Program

**May 20, 2026, 9:00 am**

Workshop notice is available at the Water Board’s Salton Sea webpages:  
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*Agenda is subject to change*

9:00–9:10 am	<b>Introduction of Item by Board Chair</b>
9:10–9:30 am	<b>Opening remarks</b> Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for California Natural Resources Agency
9:30–9:35 am	<b>Elected or tribal officials or their designated representative</b>
9:35–9:45 am	<b>Overview of the Water Board’s Role</b> Stephanie Holstege, State Water Board
9:45-11:30 am (Presentation 9:45-10:45 am, Q&A 10:45am-11:30 am)	<b>Salton Sea Management Program Phase 1 Update</b> Salton Sea Program Team
11:30 am-12:30 pm	<b>Public Comment</b>
12:30 pm-1:30 pm	<b>Break (may be shortened, depending on schedule)</b>
1:30 pm–2:45 pm (Presentation 1:30 pm-2:15 pm, Q&A 2:15 pm-2:45 pm)	<b>Panel 1: Lessons Learned in 2025: Planning Beyond the 10-Year Phase Ending in 2028</b> Joe Shea, Assistant Secretary for Salton Sea Policy, California Natural Resources Agency Evon Willhoff, Assistant Deputy Director for Salton Sea Restoration, Department of Water Resources Patrick O’Dowd, Executive Director, Salton Sea Authority
2:45 pm-4:00 pm (Presentation 2:45 pm-3:30 pm, Q&A 3:30 pm-4:00 pm)	<b>Panel 2: Reflections from Community Members on SSMP Efforts in 2025</b> Iröndäd, Environmental Activist and Athlete Luis Olmedo, Executive Director, Comite Civico del Valle Eric Montoya Reyes, Executive Director, Los Amigos de la Comunidad, Inc Isamay Pasillas, Environmental Justice Community Organizer, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice
Immediately following Panel 2	<b>Public Comment</b>

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**Board Member Discussion and Closing Comments**