

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE SALTON SEA



ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS

"It is projected that sometime after 2017, when the mitigation water is terminated, evaporation will far outpace inflow, triggering an accelerated pace of salinity increase; after that fish will have a problem surviving."

Kent Nelson, Department of Water Resources

"To the extent the level of the Sea could diminish, we are concerned this could become much worse at some point in time and pose a public health risk...Prevention should be solution rather than trying to mitigate after the fact."

**Barry Wallerstein,
South Coast Air Quality Management District**

"If nothing is done about the mitigation of existing impacts then we are going to have a catastrophe on our hands in terms of public health."

Brad Poirez, Imperial County Air Pollution Control Officer

"By performing restoration activities now that are also designated to reduce the need to undertake mitigation activities in the future, the State could potentially decrease its future mitigation costs."

Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor

COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIPS

"Imperial County and the Imperial Irrigation District have settled the QSA litigation and now stand united in defense of the Salton Sea. We believe the Salton Sea is a solution, not a problem. The Salton Sea Renewable Energy Initiative is the solution to the pending environmental hazard resulting from the QSA water transfer. The Salton Sea resources can help California meet its greenhouse gas emissions and the renewable energy standards."

Ryan Kelley, Chairman, Imperial County Board of Supervisors

"As the Chair of the Select Committee on Renewable Energy Development and Restoration of the Salton Sea, I look forward to working with all the key stakeholders on addressing the complex challenges facing the Sea while at the same time highlighting the abundant renewable energy opportunities that exist only there."

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, 56th Assembly District

"We are succeeding in not only raising awareness as to the urgency of saving the Salton Sea, but in gaining supporters and bringing the necessary funds to solve the problem. The Salton Sea is a statewide problem that requires everyone's cooperation. Our steady progress in the right direction gives me hope for the much anticipated restoration of the Salton Sea."

Ben Hueso, California State Senator, 40th District



RENEWABLE ENERGY POTENTIAL

"Located in the Imperial and Coachella [valleys] of Southern California, the Salton Sea represents one of the most abundant and underutilized sources of renewable energy in the state, including the most prolific geothermal capacity in the world. Geothermal plants supply base load power, electricity that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

**California State Senate Select Committee
on California's Energy Independence**

"We are blessed with the resources that can be harnessed to transform the Sea into America's renewable energy powerhouse."

**Phil Rosentrater, deputy director,
Riverside County Economic Development Agency**

"Geothermal energy production leaves a smaller footprint on the landscape and provides a constant source of energy to the grid. Solar energy resources are also high in the region and, if sited on the Salton Sea's exposed playas, could offer a potential win-win situation by providing clean energy while cutting down on dust emissions from the uncovered sands. In addition, the Salton Sea has been the testing grounds for other alternative energy sources such as algae production and biofuels."

Stephanie Dashiell, Defenders of Wildlife

"We have found that geothermal [development] and wildlife are very compatible. We think that as habitat is built, they can co-exist."

**Kim Nicol, Department of Fish and
Wildlife's Inland Deserts Region**

"Imperial and the Salton Sea area is a huge economic opportunity to become a renewable foundation for the state...[the energy potential is] basically the same amount of power we get from the San Onofre nuclear power plant that could be developed and produced here locally."

**V. John White, Center for Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Technologies (CEERT)**



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