

# Organizations Involved in the Salton Sea

The purpose of this document is to provide a list of organizations, from local to federal, that have a role, responsibility, or interest in the Salton Sea. This document will be updated regularly to ensure accurate information. This document does not include information for direct contacts for any of the organizations list below. Instead such information will be available on the State Water Board’s Salton Sea webpage: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea).

## Local Organizations

Name	Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus	Website
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 raw water to serve its region and irrigate over 500,000 acres of largely agricultural land in the Imperial Valley south of the Salton Sea.	<a href="http://www.iid.com/water/salton-sea">www.iid.com/water/salton-sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.cvwd.org/169/Salton-Sea">www.cvwd.org/169/Salton-Sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.sdcwa.org/quantification-settlement-agreement">www.sdcwa.org/quantification-settlement-agreement</a>

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.	<a href="http://www.mwdh2o.com">www.mwdh2o.com</a>
Salton Sea Authority	Is a 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. Partners with other entities to develop projects to restore the Sea.	<a href="http://saltonseaauthority.org">saltonseaauthority.org</a>
Imperial County	Planning and permitting authority for actions on the southern portion of the Salton Sea.	<a href="http://imperialcounty.org">imperialcounty.org</a>
Riverside County	Planning and permitting authority for actions on the northern portion of the Salton Sea.	<a href="http://forms.rivco.org/Home.aspx#gsc.tab=0">forms.rivco.org/Home.aspx#gsc.tab=0</a>
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.	<a href="http://apcd.imperialcounty.org">apcd.imperialcounty.org</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.aqmd.gov">www.aqmd.gov</a>

### State Organizations

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus</i>	<i>Website</i>
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). Will also develop a long-range plan that will be implemented beyond Phase 1: 10-Year Plan.	<a href="http://saltonseaca.gov">saltonseaca.gov</a>
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.	<a href="http://water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Salton-Sea-Unit">water.ca.gov/Programs/Integrated-Regional-Water-Management/Salton-Sea-Unit</a>
California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Working with 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	<a href="http://saltonseaca.gov">saltonseaca.gov</a>

	monitoring and research to inform future planning and management of the Salton Sea ecosystem, provides public outreach and communication.	
California Air Resources Board	Provide technical assistance with air emissions data and methodology. Oversees and contributes to air quality planning by Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District.	<a href="http://ww2.arb.ca.gov">ww2.arb.ca.gov</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=639">www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=639</a>
State Water Resources Control Board	Responsible for protecting water quality and water rights, which included a 2002 approval of a petition for Quantification Settlement Agreement water transfers and imposing certain approval conditions (such as the provision of mitigation water for 15 years). Amended a transfer order to include specified amounts of project acreage at the Salton Sea each year for 10 years via Water Right Order 2017-0134.	<a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea">www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/salton_sea">www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/water_issues/programs/salton_sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://crb.ca.gov">crb.ca.gov</a>

### Federal Organizations

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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.	<a href="http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/saltonsea.html">www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/saltonsea.html</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.spl.usace.army.mil">www.spl.usace.army.mil</a>

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.	<a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sonny_bono_salt_on_sea">www.fws.gov/refuge/sonny_bono_salt_on_sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.blm.gov">www.blm.gov</a>

### Tribal Organizations

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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 north end of the Sea.	<a href="http://www.torresmartinez.org">www.torresmartinez.org</a>
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	Active participant in Salton Sea community engagement discussions at the north end of the Salton Sea.	<a href="http://www.29palmstribes.org">www.29palmstribes.org</a>
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Active participant in Salton Sea community engagement discussions at the north end of the Sea.	<a href="http://www.fantasyspringsresort.com/cbmi">www.fantasyspringsresort.com/cbmi</a>

### Environmental and Community Organizations

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role, responsibility, jurisdiction, or focus</i>	<i>Website</i>
Alianza Coachella Valley	Promotes an Environmental Justice Campaign which is designed to build community power, raise awareness and integrate 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.	<a href="http://alianzacv.org">alianzacv.org</a>
Audubon California	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.	<a href="http://ca.audubon.org/conservation/conservation/important-bird-areas/salton-sea">ca.audubon.org/conservation/conservation/important-bird-areas/salton-sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://www.ccvhealth.org">www.ccvhealth.org</a>
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.	<a href="http://defenders.org">defenders.org</a>

Environmental Defense Fund	Seeks to ensure that the Salton Sea Management Program meets its goals to address public health and environmental impacts resulting from a smaller Sea.	<a href="http://www.edf.org/ecosystems">www.edf.org/ecosystems</a>
Kounkuey Design Initiative	Leads a campaign with a cohort of youth to collect data, elevate community concerns about public health, and help residents take a seat at the decision-making table on projects and actions related to the Salton Sea.	<a href="http://www.kounkuey.org/projects/voices_of_the_salton_sea">www.kounkuey.org/projects/voices_of_the_salton_sea</a>
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.	<a href="http://leadershipcounsel.org/the-salton-sea">leadershipcounsel.org/the-salton-sea</a>
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 of the Sea's exposed lakebed. Continues to promote the importance of the Sea for the state's water supply reliability.	<a href="http://pacinst.org/salton-sea">pacinst.org/salton-sea</a>
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; 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.	<a href="http://www.sierraclub.org">www.sierraclub.org</a>

If you are someone that has a role within the Salton Sea and are not listed within this document but would like to be included, please contact the State Water Resources Control Board staff lead (as provided on [www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/salton\\_sea](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/salton_sea)).