



May 21, 2001

Tim Krantz
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Dear Tim,

I am writing to acknowledge the contribution the University of Redlands Salton Sea Database Program (SSDP) has made to restoration efforts.

Your program has been much more than a simple repository of electronic data. While the repository function alone is important given the number of engineering teams, scientists and regulatory agencies involved with contributing information about the Sea, SSDP has proven to be an asset in other ways as well:

- ❖ Generating wonderful maps and exhibits. Communicating concepts and ideas effectively through Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to the public is as much an art as it is a science. SSDP's graphic representation of restoration challenges and concepts have been integrated into our efforts because of their effectiveness. One recent example is the bird banding map prepared for the Science Office.
- ❖ Helping the restoration team intelligently use available data. I have been encouraging our engineers to capitalize on the SSDP to generate analytical themes and overlays to guide restoration planning. The SSDP site analysis for solar evaporation ponds and enhanced evaporation systems is proving to be a real tool.
- ❖ Working with our restoration pilot project contractors to make the most use of information collected and assist with analysis. Two examples are your work with our wildlife disease biologist and plans to develop a monitoring program related to fish clean-up.

I know that it was a challenge for the SSDP to acquire and integrate all of the available Salton Sea-related information. With that challenge largely overcome, I believe SSDP has become less of a luxury of the restoration effort and more of an essential contributor and team member.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to take advantage of SSDP's capabilities as the Authority and Reclamation move beyond engineering and permitting activities and proceed with construction and operation of restoration projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Kirk", with a horizontal line underneath.

Tom Kirk
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Achievement Through Collaboration Between Science And Management

May 24, 2001

Professor Timothy P. Krantz
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Dear Professor Krantz,

The Salton Sea Science Office thanks you for the continued contributions being made by the University of Redlands Salton Sea Database Program in support of our science efforts. The initiative taken by the Database Program relative to the water quality monitoring issue has resulted in a document of value to all parties and serves as an important foundation to build upon. That current activity is the most recent example of the continuum of needs by the Science Office and the responsiveness of the Database Program in helping to address those needs. The Salton Sea Database Program provides an important interface and technical capabilities that will be needed for the duration of Science Office involvement with the Salton Sea Restoration Project.

Your past and current assistance has been of great value. We look forward to long-term continued relationships with the Database Program as the Science Office undertakes environmental monitoring and other science activities associated with the expansion of the Salton Sea Restoration Program.

Thank you for your continuing efforts.

Sincerely,

Milton Friend
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December 6, 1999

Professor Tim Krantz
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Dear Tim,

The working of the Salton Sea Science Subcommittee was greatly enhanced by the hospitality and support provided during our meetings at the University of Redlands. Personally, and on behalf of the entire Subcommittee, I thank you for your efforts in arranging for these contributions. They are greatly appreciated and above and beyond your personal contributions as a highly valued member of our Subcommittee.

The continual support provided by the other members of the Salton Sea Database Program is also appreciated. It is always a pleasure to visit because I feel as if I am among friends and can interact with you and members of your program in a positive manner despite being "computer-age challenged".

Thank you for all your contributions. You and your program are important parts of the Salton Sea Restoration Program.

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