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RE: SALTON SEA RESTORATION PROJECT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT REVIEW

Dear Sirs:

As requested, the January 2000 Salton Sea Restoration Project, Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report has been reviewed by the California Environmental Protection Agency and our comments are provided for your consideration. The enclosed Table includes the combined technical review comments of the California Air Resources Board, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the Office of the Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Region, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region and the State Water Resources Control Board.

The US Bureau of Reclamation and the Salton Sea Authority are to be commended for your efforts to identify and implement projects to restore the Salton Sea ecosystem, while preserving and enhancing the economic and recreational benefits it provides for California. We look forward to continuing to work with you to identify and resolve environmental issues related to the Salton Sea Restoration Program.

Questions related to the review comments may be directed to California Environmental Protection Agency and the appropriate California Environmental Protection Agency board, department or office which originated the comment. Mr. Bart Christensen will continue to coordinate California Environmental Protection Agency's participation in Salton Sea Restoration efforts. Mr. Christensen can be reached at (916) 227-4426.

Sincerely,

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