

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT (EIR)
SALTON SEA RESTORATION PROJECT**

State Clearinghouse # _____
Riverside and Imperial Counties, California

Co-Lead Agencies:

Lead Agency for the EIS: US Bureau of Reclamation
Lead Agency for the EIR: Salton Sea Authority

Cooperating Agencies:

US Environmental Protection Agency	US Army Corps of Engineers
US Geological Survey	US Fish and Wildlife Service
Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians	US Bureau of Land Management
US Bureau of Indian Affairs	Coachella Valley Water District
Imperial Irrigation District	California Department of Fish and Game
Riverside County	Imperial County
California Regional Water Quality Control Board	

ABSTRACT

The Bureau of Reclamation and the Salton Sea Authority are proposing to maintain and restore the ecological and socioeconomic values of the Salton Sea, an artificially maintained body of water in south central California. Alternatives include methods to control salinity, improve recreation facilities, manage the fish population, provide additional water, develop wetland habitat, and study the many outstanding questions that remain concerning the issues and appropriate management of the Salton Sea. Proposed actions are divided into two phases, with the first phase attempting to maintain and restore the Sea for up to 30 years. The second phase is discussed programmatically and will provide continued protection of values for up to 100 years. This draft EIS/EIR will be forwarded to Congress along with a Strategic Science Plan and a Reclamation Report on the engineering viability of the alternatives proposed.

This Draft EIS/EIR has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Comments on this document must be submitted by April 21, 2000.

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