

# SEA SCIENCE

## A Good Friend at the Sea



(Photo: Patti Kroen, Tetra Tech)

Dr. Milt Friend is the Executive Director of the Salton Sea Science Subcommittee.

### “Science for the Salton Sea” Symposium Held in Riverside

The Salton Sea Science Subcommittee, the US Geological Survey, and the University of California jointly sponsored a one-day symposium on January 5, 1999, in Riverside, California. Addressing the symposium were invited speakers with expertise in bird ecology, fish populations, fish and wildlife disease, hydrology, geology, contaminants, and aquatic ecosystems.

This was the first of several meetings to be sponsored by the Salton Sea Science Subcommittee in 1999, with subsequent meetings expected to provide forums for more specialized discussions on long-term needs of the Sea’s unique ecosystem. **SS**

The Salton Sea Restoration Project is indeed fortunate to have a friend in high places—Dr. Milton Friend, in fact—who is the Executive Director of the Science Subcommittee. Milt was appointed by consensus of the Research Management Committee and is the primary spokesman for science issues associated with the Salton Sea.

Prior to coming to the Sea, Milt developed the National Wildlife Health Center from concept to an internationally recognized program and was the director for its first 23 years. After receiving a BS degree at the University of Maine and an

MS from the University of Massachusetts, Milt went on to receive his PhD in Veterinary Science, Wildlife Ecology/Epidemiology, from the University of Wisconsin, where he remains an adjunct full professor in the Department of Animal Health and Biomedical Sciences.

In addition to his numerous duties with the Science Subcommittee, Milt logs countless hours as an invited speaker at major national and international scientific meetings and forums.

Did we mention that Milt is also an accomplished photographer? **SS**

### What is the Science Subcommittee?

The Science Subcommittee was established as an independent and objective advisory board to provide scientific evaluations and recommendations to support the NEPA/CEQA effort. The subcommittee’s recommendations will be the scientific basis for choosing among alternatives to mitigate the Salton Sea ecosystem and to restore recreational, wildlife, and economic values. The subcommittee also determines information gaps, identifies science and information needs, and recommends projects to fund. The subcommittee seeks outside expertise, if necessary, when evaluating specific scientific issues and also serves as an information conduit, preparing evaluations, technical briefings, presentations, and reports. Many of the subcommittee’s activities are carried out by subgroups.

The Science Subcommittee consists of one member from each of these organizations:

US Fish and Wildlife Service  
US Bureau of Land Management  
US Bureau of Reclamation  
US Geological Survey  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
California Department of Fish and Game  
California Environmental Protection Agency

California Department of Water Resources  
Riverside County  
Imperial County  
Salton Sea Authority  
Coachella Valley Water District  
Imperial Irrigation District  
University of California, Riverside  
San Diego State University  
University of Redlands  
Imperial Valley College **SS**