

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-049

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THAT THE SALTON SEA MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATE TWO MILLION DOLLARS OF THE \$507.5 MILLION IN UNUSED AND AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR RESTORING THE SALTON SEA FOR AN IMMEDIATE COMPARATIVE ENGINEERING REVIEW OF THE OCEAN WATER IMPORT PROPOSALS ACCEPTED BY THE STATE IN 2018."

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Restoration Act (known as the California Fish and Game Code 2931) was approved on September 29, 2003 by Governor Gray Davis, with the following objectives:

- 1) Restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem and permanent protection of the wildlife dependent on that ecosystem.
- 2) Restoration of long-term stable aquatic and shoreline habitat for the historic levels and diversity of fish and wildlife that depend on the Salton Sea
- 3) Elimination of air quality impacts from the restoration projects.
- 4) Protection of water quality.
- 5) Complete engineering studies related to the restoration of the Salton Sea.
- 6) Ensure cooperation with local governments, non-profit organizations, private businesses and the public.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019 the City of Desert Hot Springs adopted Resolution 2019-003 that read: "The City of Desert Hot Springs received public input to encourage Parties to consider support of comprehensive analysis of Ocean Water Importation as a long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea and respectfully requests that Ocean Water Importation be incorporated in the State's SSMP (Salton Sea Management Plan) long-term plan; and

WHEREAS, given that the Salton Sea Management Program has not responded to, nor taken any constructive action on, the resolutions of nine cities and the Torres Martinez Tribe, we are suggesting that the next step for these agencies should be to select a representative to attend the SSMP Engagement Committee meetings; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Desert Hot Springs requests that the Salton Sea Management Program allocate two million dollars of the \$507.5 million in unused and available funding for restoring the Salton Sea for an immediate comparative engineering review of the ocean water import proposals accepted by the State in 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Desert Hot Springs on the 15th day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 5 – Betts; Gardner; Griffith; Pye; and Mayor Matas.


NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

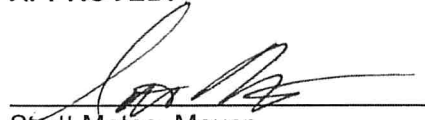
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ATTEST:



Jerry Soriano, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Scott Matas, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jennifer Mizrahi, City Attorney