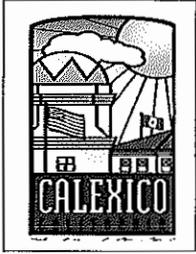


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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: November 7, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

APPROVED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager *DB*

PREPARED BY: David B. Dale, City Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial

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Recommendation:

Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial.

Background:

The County of Imperial found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Imperial County. These conditions are caused by the receding shoreline of the Salton Sea which exposes harmful dust and air pollution into the air. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Imperial.

On October 22, 2019, the County of Imperial adopted a Proclamation of Local Emergency for Air Pollution at the Salton Sea.

Discussion and Analysis:

This resolution seeks to support the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial. Although the state has developed a 10-year Salton Sea Management Program plan and identified a phased series of projects, the state is behind schedule of project delivery.

Immediate efforts are necessary to help resolve or mitigate the substantial risk of irreversible damage that threatens public health and wildlife. If the state recognizes the emergency, federal and state disaster relief funds could be freed



Fiscal Impact:

None.

Coordinated With:

None.

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution in Support of the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - _____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AT THE SALTON SEA
BY THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California adopted a Proclamation of Local Emergency for Air Pollution at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County of Imperial to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial found that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Imperial County, caused by the receding shoreline of the Salton Sea which exposes harmful dust and air pollution into the air, including PM10 and PM2.5, has not been reduced and is now an extreme peril to the safety of persons in the surrounding areas of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Imperial; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is plagued by several persistent problems that threaten the health of the public residing near or downwind from the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the inflow of water to the Salton Sea has decreased and pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, mitigation water inflows ended on December 31, 2017, and without restoration or stabilization measures, the Salton Sea is rapidly declining, causing the increasingly exposed lake bed to blow contaminated dust into the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, although the state has developed the 10-year Salton Sea Management Program plan and identified a phased series of projects, the state is far behind schedule of project delivery and there is immense concern for the state's lack of progress and the federal government's lack of interest in helping to resolve or mitigate the substantial risk of irreversible damage that threatens public health and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Calexico as follows:

1. The City of Calexico hereby adopts this Resolution to support the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial; and

2. A copy of this support resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he satisfy the County of Imperial's request to proclaim a State of Emergency exists.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of November, 2019.

Bill Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) SS.
CITY OF CALEXICO)

I, Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Calexico do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2019-___ was passed and adopted by the City Council at their regular meeting on the 6th day of November, 2019 by the following vote to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Gabriela T. Garcia, City Clerk