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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, California 95814

Email Address: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject: Comment Letter – Salton Sea

Dear Ms. Townsend,

My name is Larry Ritchie and I am Mayor for the City of Westmorland. I am writing to express my support for and interest in the Imperial Irrigation District's petition regarding the Salton Sea. As you stated in the workshop notice, "IID has brought an issue of the statewide importance to the Board's attention." This issue affects the health and safety of the residents in this area, including the children, as well as the businesses and industries in our valley and our overall quality of life.

The current condition of the Salton Sea and the accelerated decline expected post 2017 is an issue that cannot be ignored. I request that the Board continue to work with IID and all other stakeholder's to achieve the goal of a feasible and fully funded restoration plan for the Sea. I am hopeful that the Board's involvement in the critical matter will encourage participation and commitment from all stakeholders involved, while producing a path forward that we can all support.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lawrence D. Ritchie
Mayor, City of Westmorland

Cc: Stephen W Benson, Board President, Imperial Irrigation District
Ryan E Kelley, Chairman of the Board, County of Imperial