



Meeting Announcement
Wednesday, June 23, 2021
12:00 – 1:30 pm
Zoom Webinar

The Southern California Water Dialogue Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 23 at 12 noon, for a Zoom Webinar presentation and discussion on the Salton Sea.

Registration is required

at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jIyNMZEqRke5SBK2nvaU9Q

The Salton Sea: Turning Promises into Projects

While the Salton Sea's challenges have long seemed overwhelming, new leadership at the Salton Sea Authority and additional financial commitments anticipated by the State are reviving hope that progress will replace past inertia.

The Water Dialogue brings together several prominent panelists including Salton Sea Authority head, G. Patrick O'Dowd, to provide background on the history of the Sea, what went wrong with the QSA, and the Sea's environmental challenges. They will evaluate complicated current issues such as the impact of Colorado River drought, the future for disadvantaged communities, lessons learned from the QSA that might inform future water transfers, and historical and current barriers to getting projects underway. Panelists will also critique new starts and planned projects such as the Species Conservation Habitat Project (part of the Salton Sea Management Program) and Audubon's Bombay Beach Wetland Project.

Speakers:

- G. Patrick O'Dowd - Executive Director/General Manager, Salton Sea Authority
- Dan Denham - Deputy General Manager, San Diego County Water Authority
- Michael J. Cohen - Senior Researcher, Pacific Institute
- J B Hamby - Board Member, Imperial Irrigation District
- Frank Ruiz - Salton Sea Program Director, Audubon Society

The next Water Dialogue meeting will be on Wednesday, July 28.