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October 30, 2020

David Hochschild, Chairman
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Salton Sea Authority Support for Nominations for the CEC Blue Ribbon Commission

Dear Commissioner Hochschild:

The SSA is a Joint Powers Authority established under California law in 1993 to protect public health, the environment and economic vitality of the Salton Sea and the surrounding region. The SSA is comprised of Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial County, Imperial Irrigation District, Riverside County, and the Torres Martinez Tribe. In keeping with its mission, the SSA develops Salton Sea restoration plans, secures funding and manages restoration projects, and advocates for state and federal policies to ensure the protection of this critical resource and region.

At the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, October 29, 2020, the SSA Board unanimously approved support for the following nominations:

- (4) A member, appointed by the commission, who represents the lithium extraction industry.
 - Vince Signorotti, Vice President, Resource and Real Estate Assets, Energy Source
- (9) A member, appointed by the commission, who represents a local city or county government in the Salton Sea geothermal resource area.
 - Ryan Kelley, Supervisor, Imperial County
- (10) A member, appointed by the commission, who represents a local public electric utility.
 - James C. Hanks, Director, Imperial Irrigation District
- (12) A member, appointed by the commission, who represents a local tribal community.
 - Councilman Art Lopez, Jr., Tribal Council Member, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
 - Altrena Santillanes, Secretary, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

The Salton Sea Authority (SSA) is pleased to submit this letter of support for nominees to the CEC Blue Ribbon Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phil Rosentrater".

Phil Rosentrater
GM/Executive Director

cc: Natalie Lee, Deputy Director, CEC Renewable Energy Division
Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia