Salton Sea Restoration

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the Sub-Committee with an accounting of funds used for restoration efforts at the Sea; determine the balance of funds remaining; discuss future funding needs and options; and consider the state’s obligation and role in these efforts moving forward. Additionally, the hearing provides an opportunity for local stakeholders to build relationships, including those with State officials.

1:00 – 1:15  Welcome & Introductions
Chairman Rich Gordon and Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez

1:15 – 1:30  Overview of Salton Sea Issue
Anton Favorini-Csorba, Analyst, Resources & Environmental Protection, Legislative Analyst’s Office,

1:30 – 1:45  Accounting of Funds Spent on Salton Sea to Date
Kealii Bright, Deputy Secretary for Legislation, California Natural Resources Agency

1:45 – 2:00  Discussion of Restoration Projects
Kent Nelson, Program Manager, Salton Sea Restoration Program, Department of Water Resources
Kevin Hunting, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Fish and Game

2:00 – 2:30  Local Perspective
Gary Wyatt, Imperial County Supervisor
Marion Ashley, Chairman of the Salton Sea Authority
Kevin Kelley, Imperial Irrigation District
Steve Robbins, Coachella Valley Water District
Kim Delfino, California Program Director, Defenders of Wildlife
John J. Benoit, Riverside County Supervisor

2:30 – 3:00  Q & A and Discussion of Issues

3:00 – 3:30  Public Comments