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<b>SCH #2010061062</b>
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**Project Title:** Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat ProjectLead Agency: California Natural Resources AgencyContact Person: David ElmsMailing Address: 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311Phone: (760) 200-9394City: SacramentoZip: 95814County: Sacramento**Project Location:** County: ImperialCity/Nearest Community: CalipatriaCross Streets: See Figure 1Zip Code: 92233

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: multipleSection: Multiple Twp.: Multiple Range: Multiple Base: MultipleWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 86 and 111Waterways: New River, Alamo RiverAirports: NoneRailways: Union PacificSchools: None**Document Type:**CEQA:  NOP Draft EIRNEPA:  NOIOther:  Joint Document Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document Neg Dec

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 Draft EIS Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Mit Neg Dec

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 FONSI**Local Action Type:** General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Development Type:** Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_ Educational: \_\_\_\_\_ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ Other: Habitat restoration**Project Issues Discussed in Document:** Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: Env. Justice**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Salton Sea is repository for agricultural drainage; surrounding areas are predominantly agricultural and zoned S-1, A-2, A-3, M-2

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The SCH Project would restore up to 3,770 acres of shallow water habitat at the southern end of the Salton Sea lost due to the Sea's ever-increasing hypersalinity and reduced area as the Sea recedes. Ponds to support fish and wildlife species dependent on the Salton Sea would be constructed and operated by the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game and supplied with a combination of brackish and saline water, blended to maintain an appropriate salinity range. This "proof-of-concept" project includes several features, characteristics, and operations that could be tested under an adaptive management framework. The proof-of-concept period would last for approximately 10 years after completion of construction; the ponds then would be operated until the end of the 75-year period covered by the Quantification Settlement Agreement or until funds were no longer available.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date August 17, 2011 Ending Date October 17, 2011

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Jean Land* Date: 8/10/11

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