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RE: Salton Sea Farms Project Proposal – in response to: *Salton Sea Financial Assistance Program (FAP) Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)*

Dear Mr. Daugherty,

I was very interested in learning about your proposed project. As Dean of San Diego State University's Imperial Valley campus, please know that I am supportive of the Salton Sea Farms Project proposed by H2O Futures and its partners. The nature of the integrated seawater and freshwater treatment and utilization concept, as proposed or in some close variant, has the potential to engage both commercial and academic interests. It will also be a contributor to economic development and habitat creation/enhancement in our region. Should the Project be approved, we look forward to learning more, since there may be opportunities for our scientists and students in the areas of water quality, water conservation, hydrology, energy, ecology, public health, and public safety, in proximity to our Center for Energy Sustainability in Brawley.

Thank you for including us among the stakeholders.

Sincerely,

David E. Pearson, Ph.D.
Dean of the Campus