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Mr. Andrew Schlange  
Executive Director  
Salton Sea Authority  
44199 Monroe Street #C  
Indio, CA 92201

Dear Mr. Schlange:

Subject: Letter of Support for Alamo River Wetland Grant Application

For the past 12 years, the Imperial Irrigation District has been cooperating with the Bureau of Reclamation, Desert Wildlife Unlimited, the Citizen's Congressional Task Force on the New River, and other state and federal agencies on wetland projects along the New and Alamo rivers. IID has also worked with the Salton Sea Authority on environmental compliance documents for two new wetland sites on the Alamo River; one along Shank Road near Brawley, CA and the other near Holtville, CA. The Shank Road site is approximately 90 percent complete and has secured adequate funding to finish the project. The Holtville wetland has now become the primary focus for new wetland construction.

We support the efforts of the Salton Sea Authority to obtain grant funding to complete the construction of these water quality improvement wetlands and to conduct research on reducing accumulation of selenium and other contaminants using projects such as these that create wildlife habitat. We look forward to coordinating with you as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

STEVE CHARLTON  
Senior Program Manager  
Ag Water Management

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