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Dale Hoffman-Floerke
CA Department of Water Resources
Colorado River & Salton Sea Office
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hoffman-Floerke:

We write simply to inform you of Environmental Defense's continuing interest in the Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program and in the development by the State of California of a Preferred Alternative that broadly serves the environmental and water supply interests impacted by California's reliance on water supplied by the Colorado River.

Our sister environmental organizations in the Salton Sea Coalition have made extensive comments on the draft PEIR and we will not repeat those here.

We would add to them only the observation that not only are the health of the Sea and of surrounding communities in large measure dependent on the alternative that is selected and implemented by the State and others, but so also could be the health of other environments and communities far from the Sea itself.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Graff
Regional Director