1. Request:
   - Board Approval
   - Information Only/Presentation Schedule Hearing
   - Other (specify)

2. Requested Action: Type requested action below

   Discussion/Action regarding the Adoption of Proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Imperial for air pollution at the Salton Sea.

3. Cost $0
   Source: __________________________

4. If approval of Contract, reviewed/approved by County Counsel on: __________________________
   By: __________________________
   Action Request # __________________________
   Assigned by County Counsel's Office

5. If approval of position allocation change, approved by Human Resources on: __________________________
   By: __________________________

6. Electronic copy submittal date: __________________________
   By: __________________________

   Department Head/Agency Representative

INSTRUCTIONS: Back-up must be submitted 11 BUSINESS days prior to requested date. Back-up submitted must contain an Original and 6 copies. Copies must be submitted double sided and three (3) hole punched. Back-up must be submitted in a PDF format to cobstaff@co.imperial.ca.us.
October 22, 2019

Board of Supervisors
County of Imperial
940 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

Subject: Discussion/Action regarding the Adoption of Proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Imperial for air pollution at the Salton Sea.

Dear Honorable Board Members:

Background:
The County of Imperial and the Imperial County Air Pollution Control Board are aware of harmful dust and air pollution at the Salton Sea that is harming Imperial County citizens. Due to the termination of mitigation water on January 1, 2018 at the Salton Sea pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, the shoreline is being exposed at a rapid rate. This results in harmful particulate matter 2.5 and 10 being emitted into the air in the vicinity of the Salton Sea. The County OES Director is aware that this is a peril to human life and is a crisis beyond the control of the local County of Imperial. Therefore, the County is recommending adoption of a Proclamation of Local Emergency for air pollution at the Salton Sea.”

Requested Action:
Adopt proclamation declaring the existence of a Local Emergency in the County of Imperial for air pollution at the Salton Sea.

Fiscal Impact:
There will be no fiscal impact to the general fund.

Sincerely,

Tony Rouhotas, Jr.
County Executive Officer
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR
AIR POLLUTION AT THE SALTON SEA

WHEREAS, Codified Ordinance No. 2.104.060 of the County of Imperial empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial does hereby find

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Imperial County, caused by the receding shoreline of the Salton Sea which exposes harmful dust and air pollution into the air, including PM$_{10}$ and PM$_{2.5}$, which began accelerating on January 1, 2018 and has not been reduced and is now an extreme peril to the safety of persons in the surrounding areas of the Salton Sea; and

That these conditions are or are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said County, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim a State of Emergency exists.

Dated: ____________________________  By: ____________________________

RYAN E. KELLEY
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
940 West Main Street, Suite 209
El Centro, CA 92243