

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF ALL WATER IMPORT ALTERNATIVES AS PART OF THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR THE SALTON SEA**

**WHEREAS**, the inflow of water to the Salton Sea has decreased and pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement, mitigation water inflows ended on December 31, 2017, and without restoration or stabilization measures, the Salton Sea will rapidly decline; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California ("State") has developed the Salton Sea Management Program ("SSMP") through departments within the California Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agencies and is obligated to pay for certain costs related to habitat, air and water quality issues at the Salton Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State Water Resources Control Board has an oversight role in monitoring and ensuring progress towards the goals of the SSMP and has set a deadline of December 31, 2022 for the completion of a long-term plan regarding the Salton Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven (11) proposals received by the State in 2018 in response to their Request for Information (RFI) included a water importation component; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted Resolution 2019-40 on November 7, 2019 declaring support for a comprehensive analysis and review of all water import alternatives as a long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea and that the results be incorporated into the SSMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted the monitoring and support of Salton Sea Restoration Efforts as a Council Strategic Goal on January 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council requested the agencies and stakeholders begin the analysis of water import alternatives so it could be completed by the December 31, 2022 deadline as set forth by the California State Water Resources Control Board for the long-term plan regarding the Salton Sea; and

**WHEREAS**, the State will require that any water import project proposal include an engineering and logistic feasibility study conducted on behalf of the proponent by an accredited or licensed engineering, planning, or equivalent organization recognized by the State prior to consideration by the SSMP; and

**WHEREAS**, the State prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an independent reviewer panel to conduct a feasibility study of water importation proposals in February 2020 and again in June 2020, neither of which received response; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Indian Wells **RESOLVES** as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The City Council **DECLARES** its continued support for the completion of a comprehensive analysis and review of all water import alternatives as a long-term solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea, and requests the analysis of said alternatives be incorporated into the SSMP.

**SECTION 2.** The City requests that the State continue to aggressively pursue the creation of an independent reviewer panel for the immediate analysis of water import alternatives in order to maintain the current December 31, 2022 completion deadline as set forth by the California State Water Resources Control Board for the long-term plan regarding the Salton Sea.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California at a regular meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2020.

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**Ty Peabody**  
**Mayor**

**CERTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_**

I, Anna Grandys, City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the whole number of the members of the City Council is five (5); that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**ANNA GRANDYS  
CITY CLERK**

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**JEFFREY S. BALLINGER  
CITY ATTORNEY**