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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION AT THE SALTON SEA 1. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 52 OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AT THE SALTON SEA.	
DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	
BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: On October 22, 2019, the Council of Imperial Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local declaration of emergency regarding the Salton Sea. This action was taken due to the extreme conditions concerning the safety of persons and property throughout the region as a result of the receding lake bed. In an effort to show our local agency's support in the matter, it is requested that the City of Imperial City Council adopt the attached resolution of support.	
FISCAL IMPACT: None	FINANCE INITIALS <u>DP</u>
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation to adopt the resolution before you in support of the County's declaration of Local Emergency.	DEPT. INITIALS <u>al</u>
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: N/A	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS <u>[Signature]</u>
MOTION:	
SECONDED: AYES: NAYES: ABSENT:	APPROVED () DISAPPROVED () REJECTED () DEFERRED () REFERRED TO:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-52

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL
IN SUPPORT OF THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AT
THE SALTON SEA BY THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL**

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2019, the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of the State of California adopted a Proclamation of Local Emergency for Air Pollution at the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County of Imperial 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 County of Imperial found 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 PM10 and PM2.5, has not been reduced and is now an extreme peril to the safety of persons in the surrounding areas of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Imperial; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is plagued by several persistent problems that threaten the health of the public residing near or downwind from the Sea; and

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 is rapidly declining, causing the increasingly exposed lake bed to blow contaminated dust into the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, although the state has developed the 10-year Salton Sea Management Program plan and identified a phased series of projects, the state is far behind schedule of project delivery and there is immense concern for the state's lack of progress and the federal government's lack of interest in helping to resolve or mitigate the substantial risk of irreversible damage that threatens public health and wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Imperial hereby adopts this Resolution to support the Declaration of Local Emergency at the Salton Sea by the County of Imperial; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this support resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he satisfy the County of Imperial's request to proclaim a State of Emergency exists.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City of Imperial, California held on the 6 day of November, 2019.

Robert Amparano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra Jackson, City Clerk